



DISTRICT OF WEST KELOWNA

COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL

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Approval Date: April 12, 2011

DEPARTMENT:	Engineering Services
SUBJECT:	Sewer Connection Requirement Policy

Policy Statement:

The provision of sanitary sewer systems (where available) supports public health and environmental objectives of the District, Interior Health, the Ministry of Environment and any other agencies having jurisdiction. Further, sanitary sewer servicing benefits the public as a whole, by providing infrastructure to convey and treat sanitary wastewater effluent.

Purpose:

This policy is intended to provide direction to staff in relation to connection requirements for municipal sanitary sewer systems.

Recognizing the critical importance of sanitary sewer infrastructure systems to the health and welfare of the residents of the District, this Policy establishes the conditions whereby the owner of real property within the District may be required, by order of the Director of Engineering acting under Delegated Authority of Council, to connect to a municipal sanitary sewer system to service the aforementioned real property.

Objectives:

The objectives of this policy are:

- 1.) To facilitate the orderly connection of municipal sanitary services in accordance with District Bylaw No. 0072.
- 2.) To comply with any lawful order/directive of Interior Health, the Ministry of Environment , and any other legislative agency having jurisdiction (as relates to the provision of municipal sanitary sewer service).

Policy:

1.) Interior Health Compliance (public health concerns)

Where representatives from Interior Health, acting in their capacity as the Public Health Authority, notify the Director of Engineering of a public health concern relating to or stemming from any real property owner discharging private wastewater effluent not otherwise in conformance with the provisions of District Bylaw No. 0072 (Sanitary Sewer-Use) and creating, either directly or indirectly, a public health concern, said owner will be ordered by the Director to connect said system to an available municipal sanitary sewer system. The Director will advise Council of any such order.

2.) Ministry of Environment (environmental concerns)

Where representatives from the Ministry of Environment notify the Director of Engineering of an environmental concern relating to or stemming from any real property owner discharging private wastewater effluent not otherwise in conformance with the provisions of District Bylaw No. 0072 (Sanitary Sewer-Use), and creating, either directly or indirectly, an environmental impact, said owner will be ordered by the Director to connect said system to an available municipal sanitary sewer system. The Director will advise Council of any such order.

3.) Reasonable Notice to Connect (timelines)

Where an owner of real property is ordered to connect to the municipal sanitary sewer system by the Director of Engineering, the timelines for said connection shall be in accordance with agency directives. The Director will advise Council of any such order.

4.) Discretionary Provision of Service Connections

Where an expansion of a sanitary sewer service area or other such service area improvement provides an opportunity for an owner of real property to connect to any available municipal sanitary sewer, said owner may (at their discretion) connect provided that all applicable fees/charges and related approvals (ie building/plumbing permit) are addressed.

Where the Director of Engineering determines that it is in the public interest to require any owner of real property to connect to an available sanitary sewer system, the Director may issue a connection order. In all instances, the authorization for any such connection order will require approval by Council.

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