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# **WATER**

## **Regulations and Rates**

**Bylaw No. 7479, 2003**

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**WATER RATES AND REGULATION BYLAW NO 7479, 2003**

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**CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE**

**BYLAW NO. 7479, 2003**

**A Bylaw of the City of Prince George to operate and regulate the waterworks service and the provision of water in the Municipality, and to impose connection fees, water rates and charges for use of said waterworks, and to encourage the conservation of water.**

**WHEREAS** the City of Prince George has constructed and is operating and maintaining a waterworks on a self-liquidating basis for the benefit of the residents of the Municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** it is deemed expedient that all lands or real property within the Municipality which require the service and are capable of being served by the waterworks should be so served;

**AND WHEREAS** it is necessary from time to time to extend the said waterworks to provide service to other residents of the Municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** it is deemed just that the cost of making such extensions to the said waterworks should not be permitted to place any undue burden upon the revenues of this system;

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient to provide for the connection of water lines from houses and other buildings with the water distribution system of the City of Prince George and to regulate same;

**AND WHEREAS** it is deemed desirable to encourage the conservation of water;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the City of Prince George, in open meeting assembled, **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

**1.0 DEFINITIONS**

**1.1** In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:

**“Applicant”** means any owner or their agent making application for a permit.

**“Authorized Person”** means the Director of Development Services of the City or designates.

**“Backflow”** means the flow of water or other liquids, gases or solids, from any source back into any plumbing system connected to the waterworks.

**“Backflow Prevention Device”** means a device that has been approved by the City and in accordance with the Cross Connection Control Manual.

**“Building Code”** means the British Columbia Building Code.

“**Capable of Connection**” in respect of a parcel of land means that it is possible and practicable in the reasonable opinion of the authorized person to connect to a water main having a minimum calculated static pressure of 210 Kpa (30.5 psi).

“**Certified Tester**” means a person who is certified as a Cross Connection Control Tester by the British Columbia Section of the American Water Works Association, or who is approved by the authorized person.

“**Church**” means a place used for religious worship.

“**City**” means the City of Prince George and includes its officers and employees.

“**City Fire Hydrant**” means a fire hydrant owned by the City.

“**Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional**” means any building or structure other than a single dwelling unit or duplex.

“**Construction Water Flat Rate Charge**” means the rate charged for a consumer to be supplied with water from the waterworks during a period that a building is under construction on the parcel served.

“**Consumer**” shall mean any person, company, or corporation who is supplied with water from the waterworks.

“**Contaminant**” means any matter, substance or thing in water which may render the water unfit for drinking pursuant to guidelines, and regulations as set by the Province of British Columbia.

“**Council**” means the Municipal Council of the City of Prince George.

“**Cross connection**” means any physical connection or structural arrangement whereby the City’s water system is connected, directly or indirectly, with any unapproved water supply, sewer, drain, conduit, pool, storage, reservoir, plumbing fixture, or any other device or source.

“**Cross Connection Control Manual**” means the latest edition of the *Accepted Procedures and Practices in Cross Connections Control Manual* published by the British Columbia Section of the American Water Works Association or the *Manual for the Selection, Installation, Maintenance, and field testing of backflow prevention devices*, CAN/CSA-B64.10-94.

“**Curb stop**” means a shut off valve on the main side of the property line installed by the City on a service connection.

“**Distribution System**” means all mains and appurtenances thereto including City Fire Hydrants, Private Fire Hydrants, valves, meters and services and connections installed within any highway, Municipal right-of-way or easement or Municipal property.

“**Drinking Water**” means water used or intended to be used for domestic purposes.

**“Due Date”** means the due date as identified on a City utility bill.

**“Duplex”** means a structure that contains only two dwelling units but does not include a structure containing strata title units.

**“Dwelling Unit”** means one or more rooms constituting a unit of living accommodation used or intended to be used for living and sleeping purposes and containing a sink and cooking facilities.

**“Fire Chief”** means the Municipal Fire Chief of the City or designates.

**“Fire Protection System”** means an automatic sprinkler system, fire main loop with hydrant or connected hose standpipes located inside or outside of a building, fire protection monitors, or any other equipment used solely for emergency fire protection.

**“Health Authority”** means the appropriate provincial department of public health that has regulatory authority.

**“Hart Area”** means the City area north of the Nechako River and West of the Fraser River.

**“Hydrant Use Permit”** means a permit issued for use of a City Fire Hydrant or a Private Fire Hydrant for purposes other than fire protection.

**“Irrigation”** means the use of a service connection exclusively for landscaped areas.

**“Laundromat or laundry”** means a structure used commercially to provide automatic operated machines or devices used for the washing of clothes or other fabrics.

**“Main”** means a pipe including valves, fittings and other appurtenances other than a service connection, pumping station, treatment plant or reservoir in the water distribution system.

**“Meter”** means a device used to measure and indicate the volume of water passing through the device and may include remote reading accessories or other types of technology.

**“Metered Accounts”** means those accounts for which the water consumption is measured through a device commonly known as a water meter.

**“Motel”** means a structure providing rooms for commercial temporary accommodation in which each room has direct and separate exterior access.

**“Multiple Family Dwelling”** means a structure containing more than two dwelling units but does not include a structure containing residential strata lots.

**“Owner”** shall have the meaning assigned by the *Local Government Act*.

**“Permit”** means an approval issued to an applicant by the authorized person.

“**Person**” means and shall include not only a natural Person but also a Corporation, firm or partnership.

“**Private Fire Hydrant**” means a fire hydrant not owned by the City.

“**Residential Strata Lot**” means a residential dwelling unit established or created pursuant to the provisions of the *Strata Property Act*, for residential purposes.

“**School**” means a structure, publicly or privately owned, offering educational, recreational, cultural or religious courses and includes instruction by a private agency, higher educational institutions, kindergarten, day nursery, day care and vocational or skilled trades training.

“**Sprinkling**” means the discharge of City water on any exterior surface including lawns, gardens and landscaping.

“**Service Connection**” means a pipe and the necessary valves and protective boxes, connections, thaw wires, and any other material necessary to and actually used to connect the water main to a curb stop.

“**Service Connection Permit**” means an approval issued to an applicant authorizing that a service connection be installed.

“**Specified Area**” means the area delineated on Schedule “E”.

“**Temporary Hydrant Connection**” means the use of the waterworks under a Hydrant Use permit.

“**Trailer/Mobile Home Park**” means a site on which are located two (2) or more trailers or mobile homes which are occupied or intended to be occupied for residential use.

“**Waste of Water**” means discharging or allowing to be discharged drinking water from the waterworks for no useful purpose.

“**Water Service**” means a pipe including all valves, connections, taps, meters and all appurtenances connecting a curb stop to a house or building.

“**Water Supply Shortage**” means those times when the City’s waterworks is incapable of supplying sufficient flows for fire protection in combination with domestic consumption as determined by the authorized person.

“**Waterworks**” means the entire waterworks system of the City of Prince George including the, water source, storage, pumping and treatment facilities, distribution system and the water in the entire system.

“**Western Acres**” means the properties abutting: Cinch Loop, Hartman Road, Cattle Drive, Corral Road and Western Road and the properties abutting the frontage road north of Highway 16 West from the 8100 block of Highway 16 West to the City’s western boundary.

**2.0 ESTABLISHING THE SERVICE**

**2.1** The City hereby establishes the service of providing water within the specified area and operating, constructing, maintaining and regulating the waterworks.

**3.0 PROHIBITIONS**

**3.1** No person shall make or maintain any connection to, or use water from the waterworks unless authorized by a permit.

**3.2** No person shall tamper with, alter, remove, damage, deface or in any way interfere with the waterworks unless authorized by a permit.

**3.3** No person shall introduce to, or allow to be introduced to the waterworks, any contaminant.

**3.4** No consumer shall sell, dispose or otherwise give away City water for use off the premises to which the permit applies unless the consumer is on a metered account and the permit is endorsed with a term authorizing such sale or disposal.

**3.5** No consumer shall permit the waste of water.

**3.6** No consumer shall use water contrary to this Bylaw and without limitation contrary to the water use restrictions set out in Schedule "C".

**3.7** No owner shall knowingly withhold information from the City or fail to provide information to the City about the use of their premises that could affect utility rates, fees or charges.

**3.8** No person shall connect, cause to be connected or allowed to remain connected any piping, fixture, fitting, container, meter, appliance or cross connection in a manner or in circumstances that could cause or allow any part of the waterworks or a private service to become contaminated.

**4.0 CONDITIONS OF A SERVICE CONNECTION PERMIT**

**4.1** It is a term and condition of every service connection permit that:

- (a) the City does not represent, warrant or guarantee the quantity, volume, pressure or purity of the water provided to any consumer from the waterworks.
- (b) every consumer agrees not to make any claims, to sue or commence an action against the City for any injury, loss, expense or damage to person or property or for economic loss arising directly or indirectly from the use of water from the waterworks except where the same are the result of gross negligence of the City.

- (c) where there is a violation of the Bylaw or of any terms or conditions of a Permit, the Authorized Person may suspend the Permit and water supply to any Consumer on thirty (30) days written notice.
- (d) the Authorized Person may, if they have reason to believe that a water supply shortage exists or is imminent or the public interest may require it, issue a public notice prohibiting or restricting the use of water.
- (e) every owner must:
  - (i) maintain the water service pipe in good condition free of leaks.
  - (ii) pay all rates, fees and charges required by the Bylaw when due.
  - (iii) when required by this Bylaw, provide for and complete the installation of a water meter in a good and workable condition.
- (f) The Authorized Person may, in the event of an emergency or apprehended emergency as reasonably determined, enter onto lands or into buildings or structures authorized to be connected under a Service Connection Permit in order to take such steps necessary to prevent, reduce or mitigate any risk of contamination to the Waterworks.

## **5.0 SERVICE CONNECTIONS**

### **5.1 Connection Application**

Each application for a service connection shall be made to the City by the owner in the form prescribed by the Authorized Person. Such applicant shall, on making application, pay to the City the applicable connection fee prescribed in Schedule "A-16(a)" of the "City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004". If the property is capable of connection, the City shall provide and install a service connection to the applicant's property, if the property is not capable of a connection as determined by the Authorized Person, the City shall refund the fees paid by the applicant.

### **5.2 Individual Connections**

- 5.2.1 Each property shall have its own service connection.
- 5.2.2 Each dwelling unit in a duplex must have a separate service connection.
- 5.2.3 Where the operating pressure under average daytime conditions exceeds 550 Kpa (80 psi), connections to the water service must be made through Pressure Reducing Valves (PRVs) connected directly to the water service. PRVs are to be installed and maintained by the owner.

### **5.3 Connection Location**

- 5.3.1 Where possible, the service connection will be installed at the location requested by the applicant. In the event the applicant's preferred location is not practicable due to the existence of installed surface improvements or is in conflict with installed underground utilities, the authorized person shall designate the location of the service connection.

#### **5.4 Size and Length of Service Connection**

- 5.4.1 The minimum inside diameter of a service connection shall be 20 millimeters. The size of the service connection for any premises shall be approved by the authorized person. The requested service connection must not exceed the available capacity as determined by the authorized person of the waterworks.
- 5.4.2 The maximum length of a service connection is 20 metres. If the length of the service connection is longer than 20 metres such connection shall be considered a distribution system extension as defined in Section 10.

#### **5.5 Depth of Service Connection**

- 5.5.1 The minimum depth of the service connection below finished ground elevation shall be 2.5 metres unless otherwise authorized by the Service Connection Permit.

#### **5.6 Maintenance of Service Connection**

- 5.6.1 In the event a defect is suspected in the service connection or Water Service, the City will, as soon as practicable determine if the defect exists in the Service Connection. If the defect is determined to be located in the service connection, the City shall repair the defect at no cost to the owner. If the defect is determined to be located in the Water Service, the defect shall be repaired by the Owner at no cost to the City.

#### **5.7 Service Connections Prior to Paving**

- 5.7.1 Where street surface improvements are scheduled for installation by the City, the authorized person may order a service connection to be installed to any unserved property abutting such street served by the waterworks, regardless of whether or not any improvement is constructed on the property or any application is made by the owner. Where a service connection is installed under this section, a connection fee as provided in Schedule "A-16(a)", of the "City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004", shall then be levied against the property and shall be recovered as provided for in Section 9 of this bylaw.

### **6.0 WATER SERVICES**

#### **6.1 Building Bylaw**

After reviewing the proposed development and site services layout, the Authorized Person may approve the installation of a service connection. Water services shall be installed in accordance with the City's Building bylaw approved by the Authorized Person and shall be constructed at the expense of the owner. The City may install that portion of the water service between the curb stop and property line. Any fittings required to join the City's pipe to the applicant's building shall be the owner's responsibility.

## **6.2 Maintenance**

The Water Service shall be maintained at the sole expense of the Owner including any portion that is installed by the City. In the event any defect is discovered in the water service, the owner shall repair the defect within ten (10) working days of being directed to do so by the Authorized Person.

In the event the property owner refuses or neglects to carry out repairs within the specified time, the Authorized Person may, by City workers or others, have the work done at the expense of the owner.

## **6.3 Turn on and Turn Off**

When an owner wishes to turn on or turn off his water service at the curb stop, the owner shall advise the City and the City will carry out the work at a mutually agreeable time. If the turn on or turn off is for purposes other than maintenance or the commissioning of a new service, the fee for such turn on or turn off shall be as provided in Schedule "A-16(b)" of the "City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004".

## **6.4 Abandonment**

6.4.1 When any water service is to be abandoned, the owner shall notify the City and an authorized person shall cut off the service connection at the junction with the main. The owner shall pay the abandonment charge specified in Schedule "A-16(b)" of the "City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004" for this service.

## **6.5 Frozen Service**

6.5.1 Pursuant to Section 6.2, if it is determined that any defect is due to a frozen water service, it is the owner's responsibility to thaw the pipe.

## **6.6 Alternate Water Supply**

6.6.1 In the event an owner has an alternate or auxiliary water supply source other than the City's service connection, the owner shall not connect, or allow to be connected, any portion of the alternate or auxiliary water supply to the waterworks.

6.6.2 In the event an owner has more than one City service connection from different distribution system pressure zones, the owner shall install back flow prevention devices satisfactory to the authorized person on each service connection and shall maintain said devices.

## **6.7 Fire Protection Connection**

6.7.1 Service connections required solely to supply a fire protection system shall be installed upon application and payment of connection fees as set out in Schedule "A". Such fire protection system must be approved by the Fire Chief.

6.7.2 Provided that the fire protection service connection is used solely for fire protection, the authorized person may allow the service to be unmetered. All other fire protection connections shall be metered.

## **7.0 WATER QUALITY PROTECTION**

### **7.1 Hydrant Use**

7.1.1 The use of any hydrant for purposes other than fire protection shall require a Hydrant Use Permit as detailed in schedule "B". Fees for such uses shall be as defined in schedule "A-16(b)" of the "City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004".

Backflow prevention devices or other backflow prevention methods approved by the authorized person shall be used for all temporary hydrant connections.

7.1.2 Owners shall be responsible for the maintenance of private fire hydrants on their property. Such maintenance shall be certified by the person carrying out the maintenance and evidence of such regular maintenance shall be provided annually to the Authorized Person.

7.1.3 The City may, upon the request of the owner, carry out routine maintenance of Private fire hydrants for the rate set out in Schedule "A-16(b)" of the "City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004".

### **7.2 Cross connection, and Backflow Prevention**

7.2.1 It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that no piping, fixture, fitting, container, meter, appliance or other device would, under any circumstance, allow any part of the waterworks or a private service to become contaminated.

7.2.2 Where the authorized person determines that a connection or a cross connection exists which has the potential of contaminating any part of the water system, the authorized person may give written notice to the owner to correct the connection or cross connection within 96 hours. The cost of such correction is to be at the expense of the owner.

- 7.2.3 An owner to whom notice has been given under section 7.2.2 shall correct the cross connection in a manner acceptable to the Authorized Person.
- 7.2.4 Notwithstanding Section 4.1(c) and Section 7.2.2 of this Bylaw, where the authorized person determines that a connection or cross connection, prohibited by this bylaw, places a consumer or any other person at immediate risk, or if an owner fails to correct any connection or cross connection as required by this Bylaw, the authorized person may order and undertake at the expense of the owner the disconnection of the water supply without notice until such time the connection or cross connection is corrected.
- 7.2.5 Every new service connection must have installed an approved backflow prevention device or assembly in accordance with the Cross Connection Control Manual, unless exempted by the authorized person.
- 7.2.6 A new service connection shall not be turned on at the curb stop until the owner's water service has been inspected by the Authorized Person and waterworks on the property meet the requirements of the Bylaw.
- 7.2.7 Every owner shall, upon the installation of a testable backflow prevention device and annually thereafter, or more often as required by the authorized person, arrange for the inspection and testing of the device by a certified tester. The results of all inspections and testing shall be submitted to the authorized person within 30 days of the inspection and testing.

7.2.8 Application and Installation of backflow prevention devices

All double check valve, reduced pressure principle backflow prevention devices, vacuum breakers, and air gaps shall be installed in accordance with the practice recommended in the Cross Connection Control Manual. Additional requirements are set out below:

- (a) All isolating valves adjacent to a backflow prevention device shall be either gate valves with non-rising stems conforming to American Water Works Standard (500-61), or gate valves with outside screw and yoke, Crane Model 467 or equal as determined by the authorized person.
- (b) A strainer shall not be installed upstream of a backflow prevention device without prior approval of the authorized person.

- (c) The backflow prevention device shall be installed on the consumer's property inside a building or structure sufficient to protect the said device from freezing. Double Check Valve Devices may be installed below ground in a self-draining pit provided all test cocks on the device are plugged. Reduced Pressure Principle devices may, with the authorized person's prior approval, be installed below ground if a drain is provided of adequate size and orientation to prevent the relief valve vent port from being submerged.
- (d) All Reduced Pressure Principle devices shall be installed in a horizontal position.
- (e) No piping capable of bypassing the backflow prevention device shall be installed.

7.2.9 The Authorized Person may order a backflow prevention device installed on any service. Such installation shall be done in accordance with the Cross Connection Control Manual and shall be at the expense of the owner. *BL802*

## 8.0 METERS

### 8.1 Installation of Meters

8.1.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Bylaw, the Authorized Person may require a meter to be installed on any water service.

8.1.2 According to the Water Conservation Plan and notwithstanding any other provision of this Bylaw, any person who is the owner of a Single Family Dwelling or Duplex or Residential Strata Lot is eligible to volunteer to have a meter installed on their water service if approved by the Authorized Person. The owner of the property receiving the meter also thereby agrees to provide all applicable information to the Authorized Person. *BL7776*

8.1.3 All commercial, industrial, and institutional consumers, and multiple family dwellings shall install a water meter and strainer complete with isolation valves in a location acceptable to the authorized person for inspection and reading of the meter. Institutional consumers may also have strainer complete with bypass. If the water service is to a distribution system not solely for fire protection purposes, the meter shall be located upstream of any distribution point and as close as possible to the property line. If no building or structure exists at the location where the meter is to be installed, the property owner shall be responsible for constructing and maintaining the meter vault.

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## 8.2 Meter Size and Supply

8.2.1 The meter, remote reading equipment and strainer shall be provided by the City for installation by the owner and shall remain the property of the City. The owner or his agent shall, upon abandonment of a metered connection, remove or cause to be removed and return to the City the meter, remote reading equipment and strainer installed on his premises in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw. Failure to return the meter and associated equipment will result in the owner being invoiced for the cost of the equipment installed.

8.2.2 Notwithstanding Section 8.2.1 of this Bylaw, where a person is the owner of Single Family Dwelling or Duplex or Residential Strata Lot, and has volunteered to have a meter installed, and has obtained approval from the Authorized Person, the meter, remote reading equipment and strainer shall be provided by the City for installation by the City and shall remain the property of the City. The meter, remote reading equipment and strainer shall remain on the water connection for residential customers except in cases of when any the water service is to be abandoned according to Section 6.4.1 of this Bylaw. Sizes of water meters shall be determined by the Authorization Person.

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8.2.3 Unless otherwise specified by the Authorized Person, where a water meter is installed solely to determine charges for Sanitary Sewer service, the capacity charges for water shall be based on a 19mm (3/4 inch).

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## 8.3 Access to Meter

8.3.1 An owner and consumer must allow reasonable access to the water meter for the purpose of reading, inspecting, testing and maintaining the meter. Failure to provide this access shall result in an extra charge per call after the first call each month as specified in Schedule "A-16(b)" of the "City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004". In the event reasonable access is not provided, the City may by its workers or others, install suitable remote reading equipment at the expense of the owner.

**8.4 Estimation of Meter Readings**

Meter reading estimates made on average consumption may be undertaken at the discretion of the Authorized Person.

**8.5 Operation of Bypass**

No person shall in any way tamper with, alter, operate or remove the water meter or sealed bypass valves after installation without first obtaining the permission of the Authorized Person.

**9.0 CHARGES FOR SERVICE**

**9.1** It is the responsibility of the owner and consumer to notify the City in writing when any changes or modifications are made to their premises that may affect their utility rates or other requirements of this Bylaw. Failure to provide the said notification will constitute a violation of this Bylaw.

**9.2 Fees Added to Taxes**

All fees, rates and charges as set out in this Bylaw not paid on or before the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day of December in any year shall be deemed to be taxes in arrear in respect of the parcels of land served by the said service connection and such sum shall be recoverable as taxes under the *Local Government Act*.

**9.3 Fee Waived**

Where service connections of a size acceptable to the authorized person for a proposed use were provided and prepaid to any parcel of land existing at the date of this Bylaw, the connection fee payable by the applicant of such parcel pursuant to this Bylaw shall be waived. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any parcel of land created by subdivision where such connection fee was not prepaid, nor to the additional cost payable by any owner/applicant for additional service connections, nor for increasing the size of any service connection to conform to the authorized person's requirements.

#### 9.4 Utility Billing and Water Rates

- 9.4.1 The owner or consumer shall pay, in addition to all other rates, charges and fees for the use of the waterworks the amounts specified in Schedule “A-16(b)” of the “City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004”. The water rates in Schedule “A-16(b)” of the “City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004” are hereby imposed and levied by the City, and all such rates shall be payable at the office of the City on or before the due date as printed on the utility notices. A discount shall be applied to accounts in accordance with the terms outlined in Schedule “A-16(b)” of the “City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004”.
- 9.4.2 The water rates as specified shall be applied on the date the utility billing is made and in the case of unmetered accounts the rate charges for the first and the final billing period shall be prorated to the nearest full day of service.
- 9.4.3 Upon creation, each new utility account shall include an account set-up fee, as set out in Schedule “A-16(b)” of the “City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004”.
- 9.4.4 A Construction Water Flat Rate Charge will be charged for those premises that have a service connection and are being supplied water by the waterworks during construction of the principle building. Water Construction Flat Rate Charges for unmetered accounts will begin with the issuance of the building permit and will continue for a minimum of six (6) months or until the next regular billing cycle and in accordance with the billing procedures in Schedule “A-16(b)” of the “City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004”. Water Construction Flat Rate Charges for metered accounts will begin with the issuance of the building permit and will continue until installation of a water meter and water meter readings begins.
- 9.4.5 When the owner of a property wishes to have the billing for utility services suspended, because use of the utility is not being made, he shall contact the City. Upon notification of discontinuance of the water service, the fee as set out in Schedule “A-16(b)” of the “City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004” shall be added to the utility account and the utility charges will be adjusted to the end of the current billing period.
- 9.4.6 When reactivation of a discontinued utility service is required, the owner of a property shall notify the City and upon written verification of reactivation of the water service, the City shall adjust the utility charges.
- 9.4.7 Where a water service connection is made available and the owner of a property does not avail himself of the water service, billing for the water service shall commence not later than the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of January in the third calendar year.

## **9.5 Irrigation Use**

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Upon application to the authorized person, a service connection may be permitted solely for the purpose of irrigation (“sprinkling”) the connection may be unmetered and the owner will be charged in accordance with Schedule “A-16(b)” of the “City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004”. The area calculated to be irrigated shall be the entire property of the owner less the area of paved parking lot, driveways and area covered by buildings.

## **10.0 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM EXTENSIONS**

### **10.1 Extension Application**

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All applications for distribution system extensions pursuant to Section 10.2 shall be made in writing to the Authorized Person. All costs for the extension are the responsibility of the applicant unless otherwise agreed to by the Authorized Person.

### **10.2 Excess or Extended Capacity**

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In the event an applicant wishes to proceed with a distribution system extension, the Authorized Person may approve the extension. The Authorized Person may include requirements for the provision of excess or extended capacity to be provided in the extension over and above that applied for as a condition of a permit. Extended Services and latecomer charges arising from extensions to the distribution systems under this Section shall be paid for in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

### **10.3 Extension Size**

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Where the distribution system is extended, the minimum inside diameter of the pipe shall be 150 millimetres unless otherwise specified by the Authorized Person.

## **11.0 INSPECTION**

### **11.1 Right of Entry**

The owner or consumer and the occupier of every premises shall, at all reasonable times, allow and permit the authorized person, or City meter reader to enter into or upon lands and premises for the purpose of inspecting the premises and inspecting and testing the water piping system, fixture, fitting, container, meter connection and bypass facilities in order to ascertain whether or not the provisions of this Bylaw are being complied with.

### **11.2 Offence and Penalties**

11.2.1 Any person who does anything prohibited by the Bylaw or who violates any of the provisions of this Bylaw, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) together with costs for each offence and each day during which any violation, contravention or breach shall continue, shall be deemed as a separate offence.

11.2.2 Pursuant to the Municipal Ticketing Information Bylaw, any person who violates any of the provisions of Section 3.6 of this Bylaw may be ticketed.

**12.0 APPLICATION**

12.1 This Bylaw applies to and is only in force and effect in the Specified Area.

12.2 This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect upon adoption.

**13.0 REPEAL**

13.1 "Water Regulations and Rates Bylaw No. 2702, 1975" and all amending bylaws thereto are hereby repealed.

**14.0 DELEGATION**

14.1 Whenever in this Bylaw an Authorized Person is empowered to approve, authorize, designate, permit or allow any act or thing, such approval, authorization, designating, permitting or allowing must be evidenced in writing, signed by the Authorized Person, before it is effective. To the extent that an Authorized Person is empowered to do anything or to act under this Bylaw, such authority is delegated to the Authorized Person.

**15.0 CITATION**

15.1 This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Water Regulation and Rates Bylaw No. 7479, 2003.

READ A FIRST TIME this 14th day of April, 2003.

READ A SECOND TIME this 14th day of April, 2003.

READ A THIRD TIME this 14th day of April, 2003.

All three readings passed by a unanimous decision of Members of City Council present and eligible to vote.

ADOPTED THIS THE 28th DAY OF April, 2003, BY A unanimous DECISION OF ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT AND ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

Colin Kinsley  
MAYOR

Don Schaffer  
CLERK

**SCHEDULE "A" TO WATER BYLAW NO. 7479, 2003**

Please refer to Section "A-16(a)" of the "City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004".

**SCHEDULE "B"  
CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE HYDRANT USE PERMIT FOR  
TEMPORARY HYDRANT CONNECTIONS**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF HYDRANT LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

HYDRANT NO \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF USE: \_\_\_\_\_

**BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE DESCRIPTION AND CERTIFICATION DATE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**THIS APPROVED PERMIT SHALL AUTHORIZE THE APPLICANT FOR A  
TEMPORARY HYDRANT CONNECTION FOR THE SPECIFIC HYDRANT AND  
DATES SPECIFIED ON THIS PERMIT. BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES  
SHALL BE USED AT ALL TIMES.**

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:** \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

**FEE:**

PERMIT FEE                   \$ 100.00

\$10.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ (# days)= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total:                           \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE "C"**

**WATER RESTRICTIONS**

**IN WESTERN ACRES**

NO **SPRINKLING** IS ALLOWED BETWEEN 8:00 am and 5:00 pm DAILY.

**IN ALL OTHER AREAS OF THE CITY**

NO **SPRINKLING** IS ALLOWED BETWEEN 12:00 noon and 5:00 pm. DAILY

**OUTSIDE THESE HOURS:**

If you have an even house number, you can **sprinkle** you lawn on even numbered days.

If you have an odd house number, you can **sprinkle** your lawn on odd numbered days.

**SCHEDULE "D"**  
**WATER RATES AND REGULATIONS**

[Please refer to Section "A-16\(b\)" of the "City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004".](#)

**SCHEDULE "E"**

**WATER SPECIFIED AREA MAP**

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