

- 7.32 In addition to the requirements of Section 7.31, the engineer retained by the owner must confirm that effluent quality for non-residential wastewater flows generated will be in conformance with the permitted effluent loading (sewage strength) for the City wastewater treatment plant.

The requirements of Sections 7.31 and 7.32 apply to any proposed expansion or change of use for an existing industrial, commercial, institutional or agricultural property.

8. RATES

- 8.1 The user fees and charges specified in **SCHEDULE "A"** of this bylaw are imposed and levied for sewer services supplied by the City.

9. BILLINGS AND COLLECTIONS

- 9.1 Property owners shall be responsible for payment of all fees and charges for sewer services provided to properties owned by them.

- 9.2 User rates shall be invoiced on a bi-monthly basis and be due and payable on or before the date shown as the DUE DATE on the bi-monthly billing rendered by the City.

- 9.3 User rates not paid by the DUE DATE shall be subject to an overdue account penalty, as set out in the Fees and Charges Bylaw, as amended from time to time, on the working day after the DUE DATE and monthly thereafter.

- 9.4 User rates may also be paid on the City's Tax/Utility Preauthorized Pre-Payment Plan. Upon application, the City will permit qualifying Customers to make equal monthly payments. The payments will be calculated to yield, during the period ending in December, the total estimated amount that would be payable by the Customer during the year. Applications will be accepted at any time of the year. All accounts will be reconciled in December.

A customer will qualify for the plan provided the account is not in arrears and the customer expects to be on the plan for at least one year.

The equal payment plan may be terminated by the customer or the City. If the customer has not maintained his credit to the satisfaction of the City, the plan will be terminated. On termination, the amounts payable by the Customer to the City for sewer service actually consumed during the equal payment period will be compared to the sum of equal payments made during the same period. Any amount owing by the customer will be paid to the City by cash, cheque or online banking. An excess of payments over charges will be refunded by the City to the Customer.

- 9.5 Notwithstanding Section 9.4, all fees and charges remaining unpaid on the 31st day of December in each year shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable in respect of the land and improvements therein, and shall be entered on the Collector's Roll as taxes in arrears.
- 9.6 The cost of works required to clear or flush waste or debris originating from a property and interrupting the free flow within the common sewer shall be charged to the owner of the originating property.
- 9.7 Where under the authority of this bylaw, the City performs any work on property or any premises, or provides any service to property or premises, the owner of the property or premises shall promptly reimburse the City for its costs in performing that work or providing that service, and the City's costs may be collected in the same manner and with the same remedy as property taxes, and if not paid by December 31st of the year in which the costs become due and payable, are deemed to be taxes in arrears.

10. TERMINATION OF SERVICE

- 10.1 Where an owner intends to abandon or otherwise discontinue use of a private wastewater system, or where a sanitary service connection is no longer required as a result of the development or redevelopment of the owner's property, the owner must apply to the Manager of Operations for the discontinuation or termination of sanitary sewer service.
- 10.2 An application for discontinuation or termination of sanitary sewer service must be made by the owner of the property to which the application relates, or by the owner's duly authorized agent.
- 10.3 Approval for the termination of service shall not be granted until the owner submits a completed application for discontinuation of service stating the reasons for and, if applicable, the estimated duration of discontinuation of the service, and:
- (a) obtains a building permit for demolition of the building or structure that is the source of private wastewater effluent from that property;
 - (b) pays all applicable fees and charges for the discontinuation or termination of service.
- 10.4 Upon approval of the application for discontinuation or termination of service, the owner shall:
- (a) physically disconnect and seal or cap the sanitary service connection at a point that is at least 2.0m (minimum) inside the boundary of the property that abuts the public highway or right of way;
 - (b) mark the capped sanitary service connection location via a 2x4 service marker, extended 0.3m above grade.

17. REPORTING OF ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES

- 17.1 Any person responsible for, or aware of, the accidental discharge of prohibited substances into the municipal sanitary sewer system shall promptly report that discharge to the Manager of Operations in order that immediate remedial action can be taken to minimize environmental risks.

18. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Notwithstanding the provisions contained within this bylaw, any person or owner is responsible for ascertaining, and ensuring compliance with, all other City bylaws, provincial or federal enactments and legislation, as in effect from time to time.

19. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

- 19.1 Any owner or person who contravenes a provision of this bylaw may, on summary conviction, be liable to the maximum penalty under the Offence Act, plus the cost of prosecution, for each offence.
- 19.2 Any penalty imposed under Section 19.1 is a supplement to and not a substitute for any other remedy or action under that may be available under his bylaw or any other applicable laws or enactments.
- 19.3 Each day that a contravention of this bylaw continues shall constitute a separate offence.

20. RECOVERY OF COSTS

- 20.1 Where under the authority of this bylaw, the City performs any work on property or any premises, or provides any service to property or premises, the owner of the property or premises shall promptly reimburse the City for its costs in performing that work or providing that service, and the City's costs may be collected in the same manner and with the same remedy as property taxes, and if not paid by December 31st of the year in which the costs become due and payable, are deemed to be taxes in arrears.

21. SEVERABILITY

- 21.1 If any portion of this bylaw is held to be invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.

22. REPEAL

- 22.1 The "Corporation of the City of Grand Forks Sewer Regulations Bylaw No. 1500, 1997" and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.