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CONTAMINATED SITES GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE FEES

Section 7.11 of the Sewer and Watercourse By-law, No.8093 states; "Where groundwater that requires remediation under the British Columbia Waste Management Act is intended to be discharged into a sanitary sewer or combined sewer, the rate set out in Part VI of Schedule A of this By-law must first be paid to the City for the volumes discharged." The Sewer and Watercourse By-law can be found at <http://vancouver.ca/bylaws/>. The fee is calculated using the total volume of groundwater expected to be discharged.

Persons wanting to discharge groundwater from a contaminated site must apply for and obtain a Waste Discharge Permit. Waste Discharge Permits are issued for the requested period, up to one year. The permit fee is charged based upon the duration of the permit and the maximum daily flow. Application forms for a groundwater Waste Discharge Permit can be found at <http://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/wastewater-discharge-permit-for-construction-at-contaminated-sites.aspx>

When the applicant applies for a Waste Discharge Permit, an estimate is given of the volume of groundwater to be treated and discharged to the sanitary sewer and the duration of the discharge. If the total volume discharged exceeds the volume allowed in the permit, this may be considered to be a violation and the additional fees will be collected. If an extension of the permit and/or increase in volume is required, an amendment fee will apply.

An invoice for the permit will be provided at the time the permit is issued.

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