

**GREATER VANCOUVER SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
BYLAW NO. 346, 2021
A Bylaw to Regulate the Discharge of Waste into a Sani-dump**

WHEREAS:

- A. The *Environmental Management Act* of British Columbia and the *Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Act* authorize the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District (the "*District*") Board (the "*Board*") to make bylaws respecting the direct or indirect discharge of *wastes* into any *sewer* or drain connected to a *sewage facility* operated by the *District*;
- B. The *Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Act* authorizes the *District* to set fees payable by *persons* who discharge liquid *waste* into any work, service or plant of the *District* for conveying, disposing of, or treating liquid *waste*, and into any work, service, or plant connected thereto; and
- C. It is deemed desirable to regulate the discharge of *waste* into *sani-dumps* connected to *sewers* or *sewage facilities*.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District enacts as follows:

Citation

- 1. The official citation of this bylaw is "Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Sani-dump Bylaw No. 346, 2021" ("this *Bylaw*").

Schedule(s)

- 2. The following Schedule is attached to and forms part of this *Bylaw*:
Schedule "A", **REGISTRATION FEE.**

Definitions

- 3. For ease of reference, words that are italicized in this *Bylaw* are defined terms.
In this *Bylaw*:

"domestic waste" means *wastewater*:

- (a) containing human excreta or similar matter;
- (b) from showers or restroom washbasins;
- (c) from the non-commercial preparation, cooking, or handling of food; or
- (d) from non-commercial cleaning or laundry;

but excluding *sludge*.

“holding tank” means a container that holds *wastewater* until the *wastewater* is removed for treatment or disposal;

“operator” means any *person* who has management or control, directly or indirectly, of a *sani-dump*;

“owner” means any *person* who owns, is in possession of, has the right to control, or occupies and controls a *sani-dump*;

“proof of registration” means a printed copy of the prescribed form of registration information submitted to the *District* as set out in section 8 of this *Bylaw*;

“recreational vehicle waste” means *domestic waste* accumulated in a *holding tank* in a trailer, camper, transportable housing unit, bus, or long-haul truck with on-board personal lavatory fixtures, or similar vehicles but specifically excludes *trucked liquid waste* or any *waste* transported in a *trucked liquid waste hauling truck*;

“register” means to complete a registration of a *sani-dump* in compliance with all of the requirements of Part 3 in this *Bylaw* and when payment of the *registration fee* has been received by the *District*;

“registration fee” means the *registration fee* set out in Table 1 of Schedule A and payable in accordance with Part 2;

“sani-dump” means any facility that is used or may be used for the discharge of *recreational vehicle waste* to a *sewer*;

“Sewer Use Bylaw” means *Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Sewer Use Bylaw No. 299, 2007*;

“trucked liquid waste” means *trucked liquid waste* as defined in the *Trucked Liquid Waste Bylaw*;

“Trucked Liquid Waste Bylaw” means *Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District Trucked Liquid Waste Bylaw No. 345, 2021*; and

“trucked liquid waste hauling truck” means any vehicle that collects *trucked liquid waste* for the purposes of transporting and discharging that *trucked liquid waste* to a *sewage facility*.

4. Terms that are italicized but not defined in this *Bylaw* have the same meaning given to those terms in the *Sewer Use Bylaw* or incorporated by reference into the *Sewer Use Bylaw*.
5. References in this *Bylaw* to an enactment, including the *Sewer Use Bylaw*, include the enactment as it may be amended or replaced from time to time.

Part 1 – Application

6. Every *person*, including every *owner* or *operator* of a *sani-dump* that allows or causes to be discharged, directly or indirectly, *waste* into a *sewer* or *sewage facility*, must comply with this *Bylaw* and the *Sewer Use Bylaw*.

Part 2 – Restrictions

7. No *person* shall discharge, or allow or cause to be discharged, directly or indirectly, any *waste* into a *sani-dump* connected to a *sewer* or *sewage facility* except *recreational vehicle waste* and only if such discharge is at a *sani-dump* posting a *proof of registration* with the *District*.

Part 3 – Registration

8. Subject to sections 13 and 14, every *owner* or *operator* of a *sani-dump* connected to a *sewer* or *sewage facility* must, no later than 30 days prior to the discharge of any *recreational vehicle waste* into the *sani-dump*, register the *sani-dump* with the *District* by:
 - (a) providing the following registration information to the *District*, together with any additional relevant registration information required by the *District* in its prescribed form:
 - i. *owner* or *operator's* full name and current contact information;
 - ii. civic address of the property where the *sani-dump* is located;
 - iii. number of *sani-dump* connections to the *sewer* located on the property;
 - iv. signed declaration of *owner* or *operator* that they will comply with this *Bylaw*; and
 - (b) paying the *registration fee* to the *District*.
9. Every *owner* or *operator* of a *sani-dump* that is duly *registered* in accordance with section 8 must post the *proof of registration* at a prominent location at the *sani-dump*.
10. If any of the information in the existing *proof of registration* changes, every *owner* or *operator* of a *sani-dump* must provide current information to the *District* and post a new *proof of registration* in accordance with section 9.
11. Every *person* must, immediately upon the request of an *officer*, provide proof of identity and any other information the *officer* deems necessary to ensure compliance with this *Bylaw*.

Part 4 – Sani-dump Operating Prohibitions and Requirements

12. Every *registered owner* or *operator* of a *sani-dump* connected to a *sewer* or *sewage facility*, must:
 - (a) only accept, discharge or allow or cause to be discharged to a *sewer* or *sewage facility* *recreational vehicle waste*;

- (b) not accept, discharge or allow or cause to be discharged to a *sewer or sewage facility* any waste from a *trucked liquid waste hauling truck*;
- (c) keep all equipment and facilities maintained and in good repair so as to prevent discharges of *waste* other than *recreational vehicle waste*;
- (d) post signage for proper procedures for discharge to prevent discharges of *waste* other than *recreational vehicle waste*;
- (e) post signage advising that only *recreational vehicle waste* may be discharged at a *sani-dump*;
- (f) promptly report to the *District* all suspected or observed discharges to a *sani-dump, sewer or sewage facility* of *waste* other than *recreational vehicle waste*;
- (g) provide access to the *sani-dump* for inspection by an *officer* or a *Sewage Control Manager*; and
- (h) if the *owner* or *operator* intends to close the *sani-dump*, notify the *District* and upon closure of the *sani-dump*, remove the posted *proof of registration*.

Part 5 – Transition

- 13. Every *owner* or *operator* of any *sani-dump* that is in operation prior to the adoption of this *Bylaw* must, no later than 6 months following the adoption of this *Bylaw*, provide to the *District* the registration information required under section 8(a).
- 14. Every *owner* or *operator* of any *sani-dump* that is in operation prior to the adoption of this *Bylaw* and that complies with section 13 is exempt from paying the *registration fee* required under section 8(b).

Part 6 – Powers and Offences

- 15. A *person* who provides false or misleading information in a registration or in any information submitted to an *officer* in response to a request for additional information, commits an offence.
- 16. Any *person* who contravenes any provision of this *Bylaw* commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding \$10,000.
- 17. If an offence under this *Bylaw* continues for more than one day, separate fines, each not exceeding the maximum fine for that offence, may be imposed for each day the offence continues.

Part 7 – General Conditions

- 18. If any portion of this *Bylaw* is held to be *ultra vires*, illegal, invalid, or unenforceable in any way, in whole or in part, by a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not invalidate or void the remainder of the *Bylaw*. The portion so held to be *ultra vires*, illegal,

invalid, or unenforceable shall be deemed to be reduced in scope so as to be valid and enforceable, or in the alternative to have been stricken therefrom with the same force and effect as if such parts had never been included in this *Bylaw*.

19. Nothing in this *Bylaw* is intended to conflict with the *Environmental Management Act*. A conflict does not exist solely because further restrictions or conditions are imposed by this *Bylaw* or the *Sewer Use Bylaw*.
20. Words importing the singular number include the plural number and *vice versa*.

Read a first, second and third time this 28 day of May, 2021.

Passed and finally adopted this 28 day of May, 2021.



Sav Dhaliwal, Chair



Chris Plagnol, Corporate Officer

Schedule A

REGISTRATION FEE

In this Schedule A:

"British Columbia annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate" means the British Columbia annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate for the immediately preceding calendar year, published by the British Columbia Ministry of Finance in its annual "British Columbia Financial and Economic Review", and expressed as a percentage.

1. The *registration fee* to be paid under section 8(b) is as set out in Table 1, except that for the year 2022 and for each year following respectively, the *registration fee* to be paid under section 8(b) is the *registration fee* that was to be paid under section 8(b) in the immediately preceding calendar year, increased by the percentage that is the *British Columbia annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate* and rounded to the nearest \$1.

Table 1: Registration Fee 2021

Year	2021
Registration Fee	\$100