

# CITY OF MERRITT

## BYLAW NO. 1964

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### A BYLAW TO IMPOSE DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES

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WHEREAS a local government may pursuant to section 933 of the *Local Government Act, RS c323, 1996*, impose development cost charges for the purpose of providing funds to assist the local government to pay the capital costs of providing, constructing, altering or expanding sewage, water, drainage and highway facilities, and providing and improving park land;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Merritt deems it appropriate to impose Development Cost Charges for these purposes;

AND WHEREAS in the opinion of Council, the charges imposed under this bylaw are:

- a) related to capital costs attributable to projects included in the City's Financial Plan;
- b) related to capital projects consistent with the City's Official Community Plan;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Merritt in open meeting assembled, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This bylaw shall be cited for all purposes as "**CITY OF MERRITT DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGE BYLAW NO. 1964, 2007**".
2. The **CITY OF MERRITT DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGE BYLAW NO. 1895, 2005** and all amendments thereto are hereby RESCINDED.

3. Every person who obtains within the City of Merritt;
  - a) approval of the subdivision of a parcel of land under the Land Title Act or the Condominium Act;
  - b) a building permit authorizing the construction or alteration of buildings or structures for a purpose other than to construct four or less self-contained dwelling units; or
  - c) a building permit authorizing construction, alteration or extension of a building or structure, other than a building or portion of a building used for residential purposes, where the value of the work exceeds \$50,000.00;

shall pay to the City of Merritt development cost charges in the applicable amount specified in this bylaw.

4. Development Cost Charges shall be calculated according to the formulas set out in Schedule "A" attached to and forming part of this bylaw.
5. A development cost charge is not payable where a building permit authorizes construction, alteration or extension of a building or part of a building, that is, or will after construction, alteration or extension be exempt from taxes under Sections 220(1)(h) or 224(2)(f) of the *Community Charter*.
6. A development cost charge is not payable if
  - a) the development does not impose new capital cost burdens on the municipality; or
  - b) a development cost charge has been previously paid for the same development unless, as a result of further development, new capital cost burdens will be imposed on the municipality.
7. If any section, subsection, or sentence, clause or phrase of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed and the decision that is involved shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

**READ A FIRST TIME this**

**13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007**

**READ A SECOND TIME this**

**13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007**

**READ A THIRD TIME this**

**13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007**

**APPROVED BY THE INSPECTOR OF MUNICIPALITIES on the 05<sup>th</sup> day of  
April, 2007**

**ADOPTED this**

**24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007**

**Original signed by  
David Laird, MAYOR**

**Original signed by  
Ruth Tolerton,  
Corporate Services Manager**

**Schedule A to Bylaw 1964 – Development Cost Charges**

Land Use	Service						
	Roads	Water	Sewer	Drainage	Parks	Total	
Single Family Residential	\$449	\$ -	\$7,212	\$424	\$ -	\$8,085	per du
Multi Family - Low/Medium Density Residential	\$282	\$ -	\$6,143	\$186	\$ -	\$6,611	per du
Multi Family - High Density Residential	\$176	\$ -	\$4,274	\$114	\$ -	\$4,564	per du
Commercial	\$6.17	\$ -	\$35.00	\$1.00	\$ -	\$42.24	per m <sup>2</sup>
Industrial (*Note 1)	\$7,421	\$ -	\$13,622	\$9,527	\$ -	\$30,570	per ha
Institutional	\$7.93	\$ -	\$29.38	\$1.27	\$ -	\$38.58	per m <sup>2</sup>

At time of Subdivision: \$30,570 per ha  
 At time of Building Permit: \$8.99 per m<sup>2</sup>

\*Note 1: