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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: General Manager of Engineering Services
SUBJECT: Engineering Services Department Permit Fees for 2006

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT Council approve increases in the Engineering Services Department Permit Fees totalling an estimated amount of \$120,000, as set out in Appendix A to this report.
- B. THAT commencing in 2006, the annual operating budget for purchase of parking decals be increased by \$15,000, source of funds to be an increase in resident parking permit fees.
- C. THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare by-laws to amend the Street and Traffic By-law, Granville Mall By-law, Encroachment By-law, Crossing Bylaw and Street Vending By-law, all generally in accordance with Appendix A. Effective date of all new fees to be January 1, 2006.

COUNCIL POLICY

Permit fees are reviewed periodically to comply with Council policy that fees recover the full cost of providing services or are equivalent to competitive charges where the fee is of a market nature.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval of a schedule of Engineering Permit Fees which will generate an additional \$120,000 per year in 2006.

BACKGROUND

The Engineering Services Department generates revenue from several permits, under the authority of the Street and Traffic By-Law No. 2849, Street Vending By-Law No. 4781, Granville Mall By-Law No. 4792, Crossing Bylaw No. 4644 and the Encroachment By-Law No. 4243.

Fees were last adjusted in January, 2005.

DISCUSSION

Inflationary Adjustments

A list of proposed fee increases is attached to this report as Appendix A. As part of the City's budget-building process, an inflationary adjustment of 2.75% for revenues has been established. Rounding has been applied to some fees where appropriate. All of the fees in Appendix A have been increased by this inflationary amount with the exception of Resident Parking permits.

The Parking branch has begun using an improved type of window decal for Resident Parking Permits. These new decals are highly reflective, which assists in night time enforcement, which has been an issue in the past. The additional annual cost of the decals is \$15,000, which is proposed to be funded by a further increase in the decal fee, resulting in a 4.5% total increase.

Fee levels have previously been set to include 7% GST, where applicable. A consultant was retained in 2005 to review GST treatment of fees. Their report concluded that GST should now apply to all of the fees in Appendix A. Upon receipt of this information, staff began charging GST on top of all fees which did not already include it. This report now adjusts these fees to be inclusive of GST, in order to maintain consistency in all fees charged.

The total increased revenues generated by the recommended fee increases in Appendix A amount to \$120,000 per year.

CONCLUSION

The recommendations of this report will provide for an inflationary adjustment to several Engineering permit fees.

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PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

Permit Type	2005 Rate	2006 Rate	Remarks	Authority
Street and Sidewalk Usage Fees				
Religious Street Meetings	Free	Free		Street & Traffic By-law, Section 69(3)
Oversize Vehicle, Single Trip	\$ 25.00	\$ 26.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 96
Oversize Vehicle, More than One Trip	\$ 244.00	\$ 251.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 96
Street Entertainment, 4 Month	\$ 31.00	\$ 32.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 67A(6)
Street Entertainment, Annual	\$ 93.00	\$ 96.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 67A(6)
Granville Mall, 14 Day	\$ 31.00	\$ 32.00	GST Included	By-law No. 4792, Section 8B
Granville Mall, Annual	\$ 244.00	\$ 251.00	GST Included	By-law No. 4792, Section 8B
Anchor Rods, Sq. metre	\$ 39.60	\$ 43.54	GST added for 2006	Encroachment By-law, Section 3A(4)
Street Vendor, Food	\$ 907.00	\$ 932.00	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
Street Vendor, Other Products	\$ 680.00	\$ 699.00	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
Special Event Market, Daily/Block	\$ 92.00	\$ 95.00	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
Special Event Market, Maximum/Day	\$ 364.00	\$ 374.00	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
Individual Special Event Vendor/Day	\$ 29.00	\$ 30.00	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
Mobile Vendor Motorized, (Truck)	\$ 244.00	\$ 251.00	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
Mobile Vendor No Motor, (Bicycle)	\$ 123.00	\$ 126.00	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
Small Café, Annual	\$ 284.00	\$ 292.00	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
Produce/Flowers, Sq. ft./Year				
- Street use fee	\$ 3.68	\$ 3.78	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
- Subject to a minimum of	\$ 103.00	\$ 106.00	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
Large Café, Downtown, Sq. ft /6 Months	\$ 5.21	\$ 5.35	GST Included	License Agreement
Large Café, Not Downtown, Sq.	\$ 3.70	\$ 3.80	GST	License Agreement

ft./6 Months			Included	
News Box	\$ 25.00	\$ 26.00	GST Included	License Agreement
Street Rental fee per block, per 12 hour period	\$ 617.00	\$ 678.00	GST added for 2006	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 30(7)a (c)
Street Use Permit (Encroachment Inspection)				
- up to and including 20 square metres	\$ 44.00	\$ 48.00	GST added for 2006	Encroachment By-law Schedule Part A
- each additional square metre or part thereof	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.40	GST added for 2006	Encroachment By-law Schedule Part A
- Maximum total fee	\$ 309.00	\$ 340.00	GST added for 2006	Encroachment By-law Schedule Part A
Mobile Special Event Permit (Annual)	\$ 113.00	\$ 116.00	GST Included	Administrative policy
Crossing Fees				
Minimum fee	\$ 300.00	\$ 330.00	GST added for 2006	Crossing Bylaw, Section 9
Extra fee per foot > 30 ft. width	\$ 36.00	\$ 40.00	GST added for 2006	Crossing Bylaw, Section 9
Building Site Construction Crossing Fees				
Single and two family dwellings	\$ 134.00	\$ 147.00	GST added for 2006	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 80(2)
Single and two family dwellings requiring demolition	\$ 190.00	\$ 209.00	GST added for 2006	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 80(2)
Multi-residential or commercial requiring no excavation	\$ 580.00	\$ 638.00	GST added for 2006	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 80(2)
Multi-residential or commercial requiring excavation, less than 3 stories in height	\$ 1,090.00	\$ 1,198.00	GST added for 2006	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 80(2)
Multi-residential or commercial requiring excavation, 3 stories or more in height	\$ 2,168.00	\$ 2,384.00	GST added for 2006	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 80(2)
Major development site, ½ block or larger	\$ 2,595.00	\$ 2,853.00	GST added for 2006	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 80(2)
Demolition only - multi-residential or commercial site less than ½ block	\$ 267.00	\$ 294.00	GST added for 2006	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 80(2)
Demolition only - multi-residential	\$ 478.00	\$ 526.00	GST	Street & Traffic

or commercial site ½ block or larger			added for 2006	By-law, Section 80(2)
Resident Parking Permit Fees				
Resident parking permit	\$ 29.00	\$ 30.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 23.4
Resident parking permit	\$ 44.00	\$ 46.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 23.4
Resident parking permit	\$ 58.00	\$ 60.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 23.4
Dissemination of Traffic Information	\$ 103.00	\$ 113.00	GST added for 2006	Administrative policy