



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: City Council

FROM: General Manager of Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Revision of Engineering Services Department Permit Fees to Reflect a Reduction in GST

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve reductions in the Engineering Services Department Permit Fees to include Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 6%, effective July 1, 2006, as set out in Appendix A to this report; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare by-laws to amend the Street and Traffic By-law, Encroachment By-law, Crossing Bylaw and Street Vending By-law, all generally in accordance with Appendix A. Effective date of all changes to be July 1, 2006; and

FURTHER THAT staff be authorized to issue refunds of the differential in rates for any fees collected between July 1, 2006 and the date of approval of these recommendations.

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 revision of Engineering Permit Fees in order to reflect the Federal Government's 1% reduction of GST effective on July 1, 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, 2006.

The Federal Government has enacted a reduction in the rate of GST from 7% to 6%, effective July 1, 2006.

DISCUSSION

A list of proposed reduced fees is attached to this report as Appendix A.

As part of the annual review of Engineering fees, an inflationary adjustment of 2.75% was approved by Council on November 1, 2005, to be effective on January 1, 2006.

Prior to the report, fees were a mixture of being inclusive or exclusive of GST, the latter having the tax added over the fee amount approved by Council. To provide uniformity, the report adjusted all fees to be inclusive of the 7% GST.

Rounding has been applied to some fees where appropriate, as in prior fee calculations. This causes some fees to remain unchanged.

There should be no effect on the operating budget, as all GST collected is remitted to the Federal Government. If these changes are not enacted, the savings on the GST reduction would generate a small increase in net fees collected.

CONCLUSION

The recommendations of this report will provide for an adjustment to several Engineering permit fees, to enable the reduction in the GST to flow through to users.

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**APPENDIX A
PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE**

Permit Type	2006 Rate with 7% GST	2006 Revised with 6% GST	Remarks	Authority
Street and Sidewalk Usage Fees				
Oversize Vehicle, Single Trip	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 96
Oversize Vehicle, More than One Trip	\$ 251.00	\$ 248.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 96
Street Entertainment, 4 Month	\$ 32.00	\$ 32.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 67A(6)
Street Entertainment, Annual	\$ 96.00	\$ 95.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 67A(6)
Anchor Rods, Sq. metre	\$ 43.54	\$ 43.14	GST Included	Encroachment By-law, Section 3A(4)
Street Vendor, Food	\$ 932.00	\$ 923.00	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
Street Vendor, Other Products	\$ 699.00	\$ 692.00	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
Special Event Market, Daily/Block	\$ 95.00	\$ 94.00	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
Special Event Market, Maximum/Day	\$ 374.00	\$ 371.00	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
Individual Special Event Vendor/Day	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
Mobile Vendor Motorized, (Truck)	\$ 251.00	\$ 249.00	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
Mobile Vendor No Motor, (Bicycle)	\$ 126.00	\$ 125.00	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
Small Café, Annual	\$ 292.00	\$ 289.00	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
Produce/Flowers, Sq. ft./Year				
- Street use fee	\$ 3.78	\$ 3.74	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
- Subject to a minimum of	\$ 106.00	\$ 105.00	GST Included	Street Vending By-law, Schedule A
Large Café, Downtown, Sq. ft /6 Months	\$ 5.35	\$ 5.30	GST Included	License Agreement
Large Café, Not Downtown, Sq. ft./6 Months	\$ 3.80	\$ 3.76	GST Included	License Agreement
News Box	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00	GST Included	License Agreement
Street Rental fee per block, per 12 hour period	\$ 678.00	\$ 672.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 30(7)a (c)

Street Use Permit (Encroachment Inspection)				
- up to and including 20 square metres	\$ 48.00	\$ 48.00	GST Included	Encroachment By-law Schedule Part A
- each additional square metre or part thereof	\$ 4.40	\$ 4.36	GST Included	Encroachment By-law Schedule Part A
- Maximum total fee	\$ 340.00	\$ 337.00	GST Included	Encroachment By-law Schedule Part A
Mobile Special Event Permit (Annual)	\$ 116.00	\$ 115.00	GST Included	Administrative policy
Crossing Fees				
Minimum fee	\$ 330.00	\$ 327.00	GST Included	Crossing Bylaw, Section 9
Extra fee per foot > 30 ft. width	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	GST Included	Crossing Bylaw, Section 9
Building Site Construction Crossing Fees				
Single and two family dwellings	\$ 147.00	\$ 146.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 80(2)
Single and two family dwellings requiring demolition	\$ 209.00	\$ 207.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 80(2)
Multi-residential or commercial requiring no excavation	\$ 638.00	\$ 632.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 80(2)
Multi-residential or commercial requiring excavation, less than 3 stories in height	\$ 1,198.00	\$ 1,187.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 80(2)
Multi-residential or commercial requiring excavation, 3 stories or more in height	\$ 2,384.00	\$ 2,362.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 80(2)
Major development site, ½ block or larger	\$ 2,853.00	\$ 2,826.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 80(2)
Demolition only - multi-residential or commercial site less than ½ block	\$ 294.00	\$ 291.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 80(2)
Demolition only - multi-residential or commercial site ½ block or larger	\$ 526.00	\$ 521.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 80(2)
Resident Parking Permit Fees				
Resident parking permit	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 23.4

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Resident parking permit	\$ 60.00	\$ 59.00	GST Included	Street & Traffic By-law, Section 23.4
Dissemination of Traffic Information	\$ 113.00	\$ 112.00	GST Included	Administrative policy