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### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council  
FROM: General Manager of Engineering Services  
SUBJECT: 2009 Engineering Fees Report

#### RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve increases in the Engineering Services Department Permit Fees totalling an estimated amount of \$208,200, as set out in Appendix A to this report, to take effect on January 1, 2009;

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, Street Distribution of Publications By-law and Street Vending By-law, and modify all Garbage Container License agreements between the City and solid waste removal companies using City lanes for storage of garbage containers, and all other license agreements referred to in Appendix A, all generally in accordance with Appendix A.

#### 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 \$208,200 per year in 2009.

## 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, Crossing Bylaw No. 4644, Street Distribution of Publications Bylaw No. 9350, Encroachment By-Law No. 4243, and annual Garbage Container License agreements.

Fees were last adjusted in January, 2008, with the exception of the garbage container license fee which was last adjusted in January, 2007.

## 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, a general inflationary adjustment of 4.00% for revenues has been established. All of the fees in Appendix A have been increased by this inflationary amount with the exception of the garbage container license fee. The recommended garbage container fee of \$168 for 2009 reflects an inflationary adjustment of 4% for 2009 and 2.75% for 2008, as established by the City's budget building process.

The total increased revenues generated by the recommended fee increases in Appendix A amount to \$208,200 per year.

## CONCLUSION

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

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**APPENDIX A**  
**Permit Fee Schedule**

| Permit Type   | 2009<br>Proposed<br>excludes GST<br>(4.00%<br>increase) | 2008<br>Approved<br>excludes GST | Authority                                     |
|---|---|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Street and Traffic By-law No. 2849</b>   |   |                                  |   |
| <i>Resident Parking Permit Fees</i>   |   |                                  |   |
| Resident parking permit *   | \$61.90   | \$59.43                          | Street & Traffic By-law,<br>Section 23.4 (a)  |
| Resident parking permit *   | \$45.71   | \$44.34                          | Street & Traffic By-law,<br>Section 23.4 (b)  |
| Resident parking permit *   | \$31.43   | \$30.19                          | Street & Traffic By-law,<br>Section 23.4 (c)  |
| * Note - 2009 parking permit amounts have been adjusted slightly, to produce even dollar, GST inclusive prices, of \$65, \$48, and \$33 for ease of temporary site office operations where a cash till is not always available. |   |                                  |   |
| <i>Street and Sidewalk Usage Fees</i>   |   |                                  |   |
| Street Rental fee per block, per 12 hour period   | \$702.85  | \$675.82                         | Street & Traffic By-law,<br>Section 30(7) (c) |
| Street Entertainment, 4 Month   | \$33.47   | \$32.18                          | Street & Traffic By-law,<br>Section 67A(6)    |
| Street Entertainment, Annual  | \$99.35   | \$95.53                          | Street & Traffic By-law,<br>Section 67A(6)    |
| Religious Street Meetings   | Free  | Free                             | Street & Traffic By-law,<br>Section 69(3)     |
| <i>Building Site Construction Crossing Fees</i>   |   |                                  |   |
| Single and two family dwellings   | \$152.71  | \$146.84                         | Street & Traffic By-law,<br>Section 80(2)     |
| Single and two family dwellings requiring demolition  | \$216.50  | \$208.17                         | Street & Traffic By-law,<br>Section 80(2)     |
| Multi-residential or commercial requiring no excavation   | \$661.02  | \$635.60                         | Street & Traffic By-law,<br>Section 80(2)     |
| Multi-residential or commercial requiring excavation, less than 3 stories in height   | \$1,241.50  | \$1,193.75                       | Street & Traffic By-law,<br>Section 80(2)     |
| Multi-residential or commercial requiring excavation, 3 stories or more in height   | \$2,470.46  | \$2,375.44                       | Street & Traffic By-law,<br>Section 80(2)     |
| Major development site, ½ block or larger   | \$2,955.77  | \$2,842.09                       | Street & Traffic By-law,<br>Section 80(2)     |
| Demolition only - multi-residential or commercial site less than ½ block  | \$304.37  | \$292.66                         | Street & Traffic By-law,<br>Section 80(2)     |
| Demolition only - multi-residential or commercial site ½ block or larger  | \$544.93  | \$523.97                         | Street & Traffic By-law,<br>Section 80(2)     |
| Oversize Vehicle, Single Trip   | \$27.20   | \$26.15                          | Street & Traffic By-law,<br>Section 96        |
| Oversize Vehicle, More than One Trip  | \$259.38  | \$249.40                         | Street & Traffic By-law,<br>Section 96        |
| <b>Encroachment By-law No. 4243</b>   |   |                                  |   |
| Anchor Rods, Sq. metre  | \$44.69   | \$42.97                          | Encroachment By-law,<br>Section 3A(4)         |
| <i>Street Use Permit (Encroachment Inspection)</i>  |   |                                  |   |
| - up to and including 20 square metres  | \$50.20   | \$48.27                          | Encroachment By-law<br>Schedule Part A        |
| - each additional square metre or part thereof  | \$4.56  | \$4.38                           | Encroachment By-law<br>Schedule Part A        |
| - Maximum total fee   | \$352.47  | \$338.91                         | Encroachment By-law<br>Schedule Part A        |
| <b>Encroachment Fees (Annual charge)</b>  |   |                                  |   |
| Flat Portion (to 150 square feet)   | \$156.00  | \$150.00                         | Encroachment By-law,<br>Schedule C            |
| Variable Portion (per sq. foot over 150)  | \$4.16  | \$4.00                           | Encroachment By-law,<br>Schedule C            |

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|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Crossing By-law No. 4644</b>                                       |  |                                       |   |
| Minimum fee   | \$342.01   | \$328.86                              | Crossing Bylaw, Section 9               |
| Extra fee per foot > 30 ft. width                                     | \$41.84  | \$40.23                               | Crossing Bylaw, Section 9               |
|   |  |                                       |   |
| <b>Street Vending By-law No. 4781</b>                                 |  |                                       |   |
| Street Vendor, Food   | \$965.38   | \$928.25                              | Street Vending By-law,<br>Schedule A    |
| Street Vendor, Other Products   | \$723.77   | \$695.93                              | Street Vending By-law,<br>Schedule A    |
| Special Event Market, Daily/Block                                     | \$98.32  | \$94.54                               | Street Vending By-law,<br>Schedule A    |
| Special Event Market, Maximum/Day                                     | \$388.04   | \$373.12                              | Street Vending By-law,<br>Schedule A    |
| Individual Special Event Vendor/Day                                   | \$31.38  | \$30.17                               | Street Vending By-law,<br>Schedule A    |
| Mobile Vendor Motorized, (Truck)                                      | \$260.44   | \$250.42                              | Street Vending By-law,<br>Schedule A    |
| Mobile Vendor No Motor, (Bicycle)                                     | \$130.73   | \$125.70                              | Street Vending By-law,<br>Schedule A    |
| Mobile Special Event Vending Permit (Annual)                          | \$138.59   | \$133.26                              | Street Vending By-law,<br>Schedule A    |
| Produce/Flowers, Sq. ft./Year   |  |                                       |   |
| - Street use fee  | \$3.92   | \$3.77                                | Street Vending By-law,<br>Schedule A    |
| - Subject to a minimum of   | \$109.82   | \$105.60                              | Street Vending By-law,<br>Schedule A    |
| Small Sidewalk Patio, Annual  | \$302.28   | \$290.65                              | Street Vending By-law,<br>Schedule A    |
|   |  |                                       |   |
| <b>Street Distribution of Publications Bylaw No. 9350</b>             |  |                                       |   |
| Annual fee per news box (for 1- 100 news boxes)                       | \$26.98  | \$25.94                               | Street Distribution Bylaw<br>Schedule A |
| Annual fee per news box (for 101 or more news boxes)                  | \$80.92  | \$77.81                               | Street Distribution Bylaw<br>Schedule A |
| Annual fee for each compartment in each multiple publications newsbox | \$107.90   | \$103.75                              | Street Distribution Bylaw<br>Schedule A |
| Annual fee per drop box   | \$26.98  | \$25.94                               | Street Distribution Bylaw<br>Schedule A |
|   |  |                                       |   |
| <b>Other Authorities</b>  |  |                                       |   |
| Large Sidewalk Patio, Downtown, /Sq. ft                               |  |                                       |   |
| Summer Term (7 months)  | \$6.48   | \$6.23                                | License Agreement                       |
| Winter Term (5 months)  | \$4.62   | \$4.44                                | License Agreement                       |
| Large Sidewalk Patio, Not Downtown, /Sq. ft                           |  |                                       |   |
| Summer Term (7 months)  | \$4.60   | \$4.42                                | License Agreement                       |
| Winter Term (5 months)  | \$3.28   | \$3.15                                | License Agreement                       |
|   |  |                                       |   |
| Permit Type   | 2009<br>Proposed<br>includes GST<br>(4.00% and<br>2.75%<br>increase) | 2007/2008<br>Approved<br>includes GST | Authority                               |
| Garbage Container License   | \$168.00   | \$157.00                              | License Agreement                       |