



Memo

TO: Chair, Committee of the Whole

SUBJECT: Legality of Private Sani dump Station

DATE: March 4, 2022

FROM: Chief Administrative Officer

It appears that property owners may have, unauthorizedly, constructed as accessory uses sani dump stations on private properties. From a review of bylaws elsewhere in the Province it is clear a sani dump station as an accessory use on any private property is not permitted. That is the same position we take too.

A use or a service must be explicitly permitted or where it is not, then it is deemed to be expressly prohibited.

In any case, all sewer connections must be accompanied or be preceded by appropriate applications for such service, and this must be done through the building permit process.

Under the existing regulations and BC Plumbing Code, it is unlikely an application for a private sani-dump station will be accepted or approved by the Town as part of any building permit application. The application process for sewer service is spelled out in the Sewer Rates and Regulations Bylaw:

APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

- 4.1 *Application in the form as prescribed from time to time must be completed and signed by the owner of such property or his duly authorized agent. Each application, when signed by the potential customer agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of this Bylaw and pay all appropriate fees or assessments for works or services.*
- 4.2 *Application for sewer connection and payment for same must be completed in conjunction with the application being made for a building permit.*

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