



Unlike larger commercial and industrial meters, it is appropriate for the City to continue to supply and install the meter and recover the cost of the meter installation from the consumer to ensure proper installation, ease of long-term maintenance and lower costs associated with one bulk contract for all new residential meters. The fee will be collected at the time of subdivision or building permit.

This new proposed procedure has been presented to the Development Advisory Committee. Concern was expressed by the DAC that this meter cost for new development represents an inequity between new development that has to pay for a meter and existing households who have a retrofit meter paid for by the voluntary water metering program. This concern is understandable; however, the retrofit program is two-thirds funded by the Federal-Provincial infrastructure program. Under the program, this funding assistance cannot be applied to meters for new development. An additional factor is that the cost to provide the meter at \$150 is lower than almost all other municipalities. This policy of charging for meters for new development is also consistent with most other utilities in the Greater Vancouver Regional District which charge new customers between \$225 and \$500 for their new meters.

## **CONCLUSION**

Starting on January 1, 2004, it is recommended that the City's Water Utility recover the cost of the supply and installation of meters for new single family and duplex residential construction at a cost of \$150 per meter.

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