

# Report

**City of Merritt  
REGULAR Council Meeting  
February 11, 2025**

**File Number: 3900-20**

**To: Cynthia White, Chief Administrative Officer**  
**From: Linda Brick, Director of Corporate Services**  
**Date: February 5, 2025**  
**Subject: City of Merritt Sewer Bylaw 2393, 2025**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT Council give First Reading to “City of Merritt Sewer Bylaw 2393, 2025”;**

**And**

**THAT Council give Second Reading to “City of Merritt Sewer Bylaw 2393, 2025”;**

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**THAT Council give Third Reading to “City of Merritt Sewer Bylaw 2393, 2025”;**

**Background:**

On February 6, 2025 the Policy and Bylaw Review Committee conducted a thorough review of the proposed bylaw and made the following recommendation:

THAT the Committee recommends that the Sanitary Sewer Bylaw be forwarded to Council for consideration.

The proposed changes to the bylaw include:

- 1) Updating of staff titles to reflect current naming conventions;
- 2) Updating references to the Fees and Charges Bylaw to reflect the current bylaw;
- 3) Clarifying the responsibility of home owners in the case of blockages when the abuse of the system stems from material introduced in the home or through a lack of maintenance around trees from homeowner property;

- 4) Introduction of a requirement for a geotechnical report from a qualified professional detailing backfill requirements in areas of high groundwater and or unstable soil conditions.
- 5) Removal of Schedule A – Forms will be in the prescribed form from the City, removal from the bylaw allows updates as required without amendments to the bylaw;
- 6) Removal of Schedule B – this has been addressed through the requirement of a qualified professional providing a geotechnical report.

**Options / discussion**

1. Give three readings to Bylaw 2393;
2. Return the proposed bylaw to staff with directed changes;
3. Receive the report for information only.

**Others Consulted:**

Policy and Bylaw Review Committee  
Director of Public Works and Engineering Services

**Attachments:**

City of Merritt Sewer Bylaw 2393, 2025  
Redlined version of Bylaw 2393

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Linda Brick**  
**Director of Corporate Services**