



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40 (New Westminister)

BULLETIN

NOTICE OF PENDING SCHOOL SITE ACQUISITION CHARGES

Background

Part 26, Division 10.1, Sections 937.2 to 937.91 of the *Local Government Act* requires school districts and local governments work together in planning for new schools, and in administering school site acquisition charges to fund the purchase of new school sites. The intent of the legislation is to assist school districts in acquiring school sites based on approved capital plans.

On May 24, 2005, the New Westminister School District No. 40 adopted a School Site Acquisition Charge Capital Bylaw (Bylaw No. 2005-1). The School Site Acquisition Charge rates are set by the bylaw and will come into effect on July 24, 2005. The School Site Acquisition Charges will apply to all new residential development applications at either subdivision stage, for single family/duplex lots, or at Building Permit stage, for multiple family residential developments or for residential component of mixed-use developments.

School Site Acquisition Charges will be collected by the City of New Westminister pursuant to the *Local Government Act*.

Implementation:

The *Local Government Act* provides a grace period, following the adoption of the bylaw to allow pending applications to receive in-stream status. The implementation date for Municipalities to begin their collection of School Site Acquisition Charges will be July 24, 2005. Any submission of complete subdivision or building permit applications received in good order by the Municipality before July 24, 2005 (the implementation date) will have until July 24, 2006 (within 12 months of the implementation date) to register or receive final subdivision approval or building permit issuance without being subject to the charge pursuant to the Act.

School site Acquisition Charge Rates

The amount of School Site Acquisition Charges payable with respect to a project is based on the density of the residential development and is calculated on a per unit basis. The charges are to be levied for the prescribed 'units per gross hectare' categories pursuant to BC Regulation 17/00 as illustrated below:

Prescribed Category of Eligible Development	School Site Acquisition Charge (per unit)
Low Density (<21 units / gross ha.)	\$1,000.00
Medium Low (21-50 units / gross ha.)	\$ 896.00
Medium (51 –125 units / gross ha.)	\$ 800.00
Medium High (126-200 units / gross ha.)	\$ 700.00
High Density (>200 units / gross ha.)	\$ 560.00

$$1 \text{ hectare} = 2.471 \text{ Acres} = 10,000 \text{ m}^2$$