

*Tsleil-Waututh Nation Local Services Fee Law, 2019*  
Fee Law Report

## **Background**

Tsleil-Waututh Nation (“TWN”) has entered into a service agreement with the District of North Vancouver (“DNV”) entitled the “Tsleil-Waututh Nation and District of North Vancouver Agreement for Services January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2020”, under which DNV provides water, sewer, and garbage and recycling collection services (the “Services”) to TWN, in return for payments for these services (the “Service Agreement”). The fees payable under the Service Agreement are based on the fees payable within DNV pursuant to DNV’s water, sewer, and garbage and recycling bylaws.

## **Report**

The Fee Law provides at Recital C that the fees established in the Fee Law “... are supported by a report setting out the projected cost of the services, how the costs of the services were determined, and the proportion of the total costs of the services that the Tsleil-Waututh Nation will recover through the fees set out in this Law”.

The Fee Law levies fees for the Services, payable by taxpayers within TWN reserve lands and residents of the Raven Woods properties, at rates that are correlated to the DNV’s bylaws that apply to DNV residents. As the fees in DNV’s bylaws are changed by amendments to those bylaws, the fees in the Fee Law will also change.

Specifically, the Fee Law provides that the fees established in the following DNV bylaws are established as fees under the Fee Law:

1. For the service of water provided to property, the fees established from time to time under the *District of North Vancouver Waterworks Regulation Bylaw No. 2279*.
2. For the service of sewer provided to property, the fees established from time to time under the *District of North Vancouver Sewer Bylaw No. 6656*.
3. For the service of garbage and recycling collection provided to property, the fees established from time to time under the *District of North Vancouver Solid Waste Removal Bylaw No. 7631*.

## **Projected Cost of the Services**

As set out in the Service Agreement, the cost of the Services is calculated by using the applicable DNV utility rates established under the applicable DNV bylaw.

In 2018, the projected total cost of Services payable by TWN to the DNV is approximately \$1.332 million, of which approximately \$1.182 million will be recovered under the Fee Law. TWN also pays DNV for services provided to TWN members.

### **The Proportion of the Total Costs of the Services that the TWN will Recover through Fees**

Fees under the Fee Law are charged to those taxpayers who reside on TWN's reserve lands, and to members who reside within the Raven Woods community on TWN's lands. These charges represent each user's proportionate share of the fees owing by TWN to DNV for services as set out in the Service Agreement.