

Request to Appear as a Delegation

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Name of Delegation:

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Name of Primary Contact Person:

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Name(s) of Delegation Member(s) in Attendance:

BEU JAVINO

Purpose of Delegation:

Appeal to eliminate Bylaw 2340,
Section 10 - Water + sewer fees
for suites in private dwellings

Details of Request:

Pls. see attached docs.

Additional Information in Support of Request:

June 8/2020

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Presentation to City of Port Moody Council with regard to reconsideration of Bylaw 2340, Section 10 – Water and sewer fees for Suites in private dwellings.

Many years ago (15 or ^{more}), Port Moody recognized the realities of the need for “Basement suites” to provide affordable housing. Home owners were advised that if they applied for a Business License the City would “grandfather” existing suites. Some of us did exactly that. However, we were not told that as a result of the declaration, we would be billed double water/sewer on the annual utility bill.

I am appealing to you for reconsideration of bylaw #2340 Section 10, specifically the rates assessed homeowners with declared secondary suites. This is as an unjust and burdensome “cash grab” to a minority of residents in Port Moody, namely those who have declared and licensed legal suites. I have been unjustly assessed thousands of dollars over the years.

My residence has normally had 3, 2 or 1 adult occupants over the past 30 years.

When I presented in 2010, Mayor Trasolini and then council conceded it had no way of knowing how many occupants are in each dwelling, and no way of measuring water and sewer consumption. We are in agreement on this issue, and I suggest that this admission further supports my appeal: If you have no way of knowing occupancy, or consumption, why would you assume the worst and unjustly tax a small minority of residents who have licensed suites, at a rate which clearly represents the highest possible cost? To subject me (and many of my neighbors) to additional fees currently assessed at \$806 annually for water and sewer is, quite simply, grossly unfair. My residence has normally had 3, 2 or 1 occupant over the past 30 years.

Our neighborhoods consist of a wide range of occupancy and businesses. There are many “undeclared” suites, along with the following who are not assessed double utilities, as I understand it:

- Single family dwellings with 1 – 6 adults
- Single family dwellings with 1 - 6 adults, and 1 – 4 children.
- Licensed day cares
- Hair dressing salons
- Esthetic businesses
- Bed and breakfasts
- Group Homes
- Rooming Houses

Many residences, in fact, I would suggest the “majority” of residences have more than 2 occupants, and use much more water and sewer than I do.

It is my view that the City lacks any rationale for billing double Utilities to those of us with declared secondary suites.

I am requesting a fresh review of this unfair bylaw, with recommendation to rescind it. If lost revenue is an issue, I suggest an increase of \$5 or \$10 annually to ALL homeowners.

Thank You for your consideration.

Respectfully, **FIPPA s. 22**

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