



## Sewerage Systems

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### **Purpose:**

To inform owners, designers and contractors of the requirements for the installation of a sewerage system.

### **Background:**

In the past, the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority was responsible for the review of the design and inspection of all sewerage disposal systems constructed or altered in Richmond. Effective May 31, 2005, the new Sewerage System Regulations, designates these responsibilities to an “authorized person” in the private sector.

The “authorized person”, either a registered practitioner or registered professional must make application and file sealed plans and specifications of the sewerage system and other documents, with the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority before construction of the sewerage system.

### **Implementation:**

Effective immediately:

1. New Sewerage System Connecting to a New Building
  - a) The Building Approvals Department will no longer forward information or obtain approval from the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority for the design of a proposed sewerage system.
  - b) The owner, designer or contractor shall have their application, sealed plans and specifications of the sewerage system filed with the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority.
  - c) A copy of this application must be received by the City from the Health Authority prior to our issuance of the Building Permit.
2. Existing Sewerage System Connecting to an Existing Building Addition or Alteration – Increase in House Size:
  - a) The Building Permit drawings submitted shall have a site plan showing the location of the building addition or alteration and the existing sewerage system.
  - b) An addition or alteration that does not increase the number of bedrooms will not be required to upgrade or replace the existing sewerage system. A building permit can be issued.
  - c) An addition or alteration that increases the number of bedrooms may require upgrading or replacement of the existing sewerage system. Prior to issuance of a building permit, Building Approvals must receive one of the following:
    - i) Copy of the application received by the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority; **OR**
    - ii) Letter to the City from the “authorized person” stating that the addition or alteration will not impact the existing sewerage system.

In all cases, prior to the final plumbing inspection, a copy of the “Letter of Certification” from the “authorized person” shall be submitted to the Plumbing Inspector.

### **Further Information:**

Should you have any questions, comments, or suggestions concerning this bulletin, please reference the Bulletin Number and email [building@richmond.ca](mailto:building@richmond.ca) or call the Building Approvals General Inquiries line at 604-276-4118.