

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**TO:** *MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: ELIMINATE SEWER PARCEL TAX IN 2026**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**WHEREAS** Burnaby continues to charge a sewer parcel tax that other municipalities have eliminated, and this tax appears on property tax bills, often being conflated with the general property tax levy, creating the perception of a higher overall property tax increase;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** staff be directed to review the elimination of the sewer parcel tax and that all sewer utility charges appear on the utility bill versus the property tax bill.

**REPORT**

At the Financial Management Committee Open meeting held on March 4, 2025, the Chair brought forward the above recommendation as a matter of Other Business, requesting staff review the elimination of the sewer parcel tax and add sewer utility charges on the utility bill versus the property tax bill.

The recommendation was adopted and is now before Council for approval.

On behalf of the Financial Management  
Committee,

Councillor S. Dhaliwal  
Chair

Councillor A. Gu  
Vice Chair