

FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON DRAFT WATER AMENDMENT BY-LAW
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1. SUMMARY

We, the ratepayers of Fish Hoek Valley, support all the proposed amendments except where it states that the “owner” must notify City when fixed water heater, heat pump or solar hot water panel is installed or changed. Shouldn’t the plumber be required instead of the owner? It is the plumber who is required to remain compliant. We feel that an on-going dialogue between the plumber and City would be advantageous to all parties.

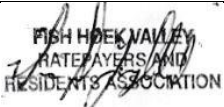
We support that a non-return valve must be installed as this prevents our geysers’ hot water from draining into our neighbours’ and also prevents alternative water sources from being pumped into the municipal water reticulation system contaminating our supply. However, our big question is, who pays? We feel that the City should pay. This is an unbudgeted item requirement for private citizens whereas it is the City’s responsibility to provide potable water.

We have a question about the requirement that “all” storage devices must be drained, cleaned and disinfected every five years. If the storage device contains non-potable water, this seems an unnecessary expense.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Therefore, it is recommended that for the reasons stated in this report, that:

- This Draft be changed to “A registered plumber must notify the City when fixed water heater, heat pump or solar hot water panel is installed or changed” instead of the owner;
- The City pays for the installation of a non-return valve; and
- This Draft be changed to include the addition of the word “potable” such that, “Potable water storage devices must be drained, cleaned and disinfected every five years”.

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