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To His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council
of the Province of British Columbia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

SIR: We have the honour to transmit herewith the Thirty-second Annual Report of the Public Utilities Commission under the *Public Utilities Act* for the year ended December 31, 1970, and a report of activities pursuant to the *Cemeteries Act* and the *Prearranged Funeral Services Act*.

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For the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 1970

INTRODUCTION

This Report covers the work of the Public Utilities Commission under the *Public Utilities Act* for the year ended December 31, 1970. It also includes a report of the Commission's activities pursuant to the *Cemeteries Act* and the *Prearranged Funeral Services Act* for the same period. The administration of these Acts covers a large field of regulation.

Under the *Public Utilities Act,* both privately owned and municipally owned utilities come under the Commission's jurisdiction, with the exception that the latter are regulated only in respect to service which they may provide outside their corporate boundaries. The accelerated growth in the Commission's regulatory activities in this field is well illustrated in the following comparison:

	As of December 31—	
	1967	1970
Privately owned electric utilities	13	8
Municipally owned electric utilities	7	8
Gas utilities	13	12
Privately owned telephone utility	1	1
Municipally owned telephone utility	1	1
Privately owned water utilities	81	155
Municipally owned water utilities	44	43
Steam-heat utility	----	1
	160	229

As of the writing of this Report, 51 applications for the right to operate new water utilities are before the Commission for consideration.

Indicative of the scope of the Commission's work under the *Cemeteries Act* and the *Prearranged Funeral Services Act,* it may be reported that at the present time 499 cemeteries, 8 crematoria, 4 columbaria, and 3 mausolea are under regulation.

THE COMMISSSION AND STAFF

No changes are recorded in the Commission or positions held by its staff during the year.

OPERATIONS OF PUBLIC UTILITY SYSTEMS

New Construction, New Operations, and Expansions

A summary of the applications for certificates of public convenience and necessity outstanding or resolved appears in Table 1.

Notably, Columbia Natural Gas Limited was granted a certificate to extend its natural gas system to supply the Kaiser Resources Ltd. industrial complex near Sparwood, and, similarly, Inland Natural Gas Co. Ltd. was granted the right to extend its transmission pipe-line approximately 10 miles to serve the proposed Lornex mining project and the townsite in the Highland Valley.

The year saw yet another large increase in the number of water utilities granted certificates. Altogether, certificates were granted for the construction of 39 water utilities to serve new subdivisions throughout the Province.

Pursuant to section 13 of the *Public Utilities Act* the Commission has power to relieve public utilities from the requirements of obtaining certificates of public convenience and necessity. Table 2 sets out the details where exemption was provided by the Commission.

Applicants for public utility service may seek the Commission's assistance in requiring public utilities to extend their water, gas, or electric services to their homes and properties. The Commission investigates such demands for service connections and makes its decision on their merits in each case. Details are set out in Table 3.

Table 4 lists applications received from utilities to discontinue or suspend service. An application from Lasqueti Light & Power Ltd. to discontinue service on Lasqueti Island is presently before the Commission for consideration.

Complaints as to Service of Public Utilities

Particulars of complaints regarding service of public utilities are set forth in Table 5. Of special interest was the case of Woodsdale Utilities Limited. Mr. S. L. Locking had a dispute with Woodsdale Utilities Limited and the domestic water service to his home was disconnected. The Commission endeavoured to have the utility reconnect the service, following which the merits of the dispute could be considered. The utility refused to reconnect the service. An order was then made requiring Woodsdale Utilities Limited to reconnect the service. This order contained a provision whereby the merits of the dispute could be considered afterwards. The utility again refused to reconnect the service. The Commission then instituted prosecution proceedings against the utility. Following this, the utility reconnected the service. The prosecution proceeding continued, however, and the utility was fined $200. No application was made to the Commission by Woodsdale Utilities Limited for a hearing at which the merits of its action would be considered.

RATES

Rate Changes Consented to Pursuant to Sections 17 and 19

A statement of all rate changes authorized and filed during the year 1970 appears in Table 6.

Again this year a large number of original filings were approved for water utilities to serve new subdivisions. One major rate application was that of The Elk Creek Waterworks Company Limited for considerable increases in its water rates in the Chilliwack area. A public hearing was held in the matter in Chilliwack. It is noteworthy that no interested parties made representations at the hearing except the applicant. The Commission considered the application reasonable and accepted the new rates.

Rate Complaints

Rate complaints dealt with during the year are summarized in Table 7.

Of special interest were the complaints from Bamfield. Bamfield Utilities Ltd. applied for an increase in its electric rates. Its rates are already high. Under these circumstances the Commission required the utility to hold a meeting in Bamfield for the purpose of explaining to its customers the reasons for the proposed rate increase. A thorough discussion was held on the subject at this meeting, with the result that the utility has now revised its application so that the proposed increase is much less than originally applied for. The revised application is pending.

SECURITY ISSUES, MORTGAGES, AND SALES

Security Issues and Mortgages

Applications made during 1970 under Part IV of the *Public Utilities Act* are summarized in Table 8.

Sales of Assets of Public Utilities Systems

Transfers of property under section 24 of the *Public Utilities Act* are summarized in Table 9.

APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT (SECTION 84 (2))

A number of exemptions were approved under the provisions of section 84 (2) of the *Public Utilities Act*. These are summarized in Table 10.

APPRAISALS

In the Report of the Public Utilities Commission this year there has been included Table 12, which lists the names of the 229 utilities under regulation as of December 31, 1970. The size of these operations varies from major companies having service areas covering extensive portions of the Province to very small utilities serving only a few customers. Each has its own problems, and different techniques are used in the regulation of different sorts of utilities.

The maintaining of fair and reasonable rates by utility companies in operation is one of the Commission's many responsibilities. The yardstick employed in British Columbia, in common with most utility commissions in North America, is rate of return on rate base. The principal component of rate base is, in the terms of the *Public Utilities Act*, ". . . the appraised value of the property of the public utility used, or prudently and reasonably acquired, to enable the public utility to furnish the service." An appraisal, therefore, involves considerable staff work, culminating in the Commission's acceptance of certain expenditures for inclusion in a utility's rate base, and disallowance of others.

Over the years, most of the larger utilities have been appraised, and when once this has been accomplished, the attempt is made to update the information each year, both to keep the Commission informed as to the utility's operation and also to avoid the formidable task of reappraisal prior to a rate case after a lapse of years. In the table below, the results for the latest fiscal year are given for larger utilities which have been appraised:

Name	For Year Ended—	Rate Base	Earned Return	Rate of Return (Per Cent)
Inland Natural Gas Co. Ltd.	June 30, 1970	$43,918,943	$3,922,948	8.93
West Kootenay Power & Light Co. Ltd.	Dec. 31, 1969	20,319,364	1,329,719	6.54
Okanagan Telephone Co.	Dec. 31, 1969	20,059,487	917,975	4.58
Columbia Natural Gas Ltd.	Dec. 31, 1969	4,782,548	398,751	8.34
Elk Creek Waterworks Co. Ltd.	Dec. 31, 1969	1,623,695	87,500	5.38
Northland Utilities (B.C.) Ltd.	Dec. 31, 1969	1,253,635	56,985	4.55
Plains-Western Gas & Electric Co. Ltd. (Fort St. John Div.)	Dec. 31, 1969	1,073,860	80,869	7.53
Vancouver Island Gas Co. Ltd.	Dec. 31, 1969	983,827	63,681	6.47
White Rock Utilities Ltd.	Mar. 31, 1970	878,792	47,058	5.35
Princeton Light & Power Co. Ltd.	Mar. 31, 1970	521,284	31,633	6.07

There are also utilities of significant size which the Commission has not yet been able to schedule for appraisal because its staff is fully occupied with other work. Pacific Northern Gas Ltd. and Central Heat Distribution Ltd. are in this category.

Of the 155 privately owned water utilities under regulation at last year-end, three of significant size have had rates reviews by the Public Utilities Commission such that it was deemed desirable to examine their rates of return in manner similar to the larger utilities. Their financial positions have been updated from year to year and the results for the latest fiscal year are tabulated below:

Name	For Year Ended	Rate Base	Earned Return	Rate of Return (Per Cent)
100 Mile Water Utilities Ltd.	Mar. 31, 1970	$123,964	$7,478	6.03
Bowen Island Waterworks Ltd.	Dec. 31, 1969	72,165	(1,190)	-----
Rivervale Water Co. Ltd.	Dec. 31, 1969	33,460	2,165	6.47

MISCELLANEOUS

Recent years have seen an enormous increase in the number of privately owned waterworks systems proposed for servicing new subdivisions. These systems differ from usual utility practice in that they are built ahead of demand for service rather than in response to it. Most are applied for solely because community water supply is a prerequisite to subdivision of land in the manner intended by the developers. As a result, water utilities are constructed and commence furnishing service to sparsely settled land-development schemes. Often many years pass before enough customers connect to the utility to reach a break-even financial condition.

Continuity of service in such situations is a real concern to all agencies involved in the subdivision-approval process. A measure designed to forestall collapse of water utilities because of inadequate revenue during early years of operation has recently been adopted by the Commission. It is known as a "Maintenance Guarantee Reserve Fund," and is a sum of money proportionate to the cost of construction which must be set aside at the time of lot sales. No disbursements are allowed from the Maintenance Guarantee Reserve Fund without prior approval of the Commission. Table 11 lists the utilities which at the date of this report are subject to Maintenance Guarantee Reserve Fund orders.

As in 1969, the pressure of processing applications for certificates of public convenience and necessity, applications for rate revisions, applications for approval of financing, and investigation of complaints as to service rendered by public utilities, seriously curtailed the Commission's Investigations Branch in the carrying-out of field inspection and supervisory examination of the remaining public utilities. Solution of outstanding policy problems and the development of practices to facilitate uniform handling of similar cases suffered due to the same cause.

TABLES

TABLE 1—APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY OUTSTANDING OR RESOLVED IN 1970

Class of Service	Applicant	Date of Application	Particulars	Result
Gas	Columbia Natural Gas Ltd.	Apr. 7, 1970	Construction and operation of a natural gas system to supply the Kaiser Resources Ltd. industrial complex near Sparwood	Granted: May 29, 1970.
		Sept. 2, 1970	Extension of gas-transmission facilities to serve Fording industrial complex in Elk Valley	Not concluded in the year 1970.
	Inland Natural Gas Co. Ltd.	Jan. 16, 1970	Gas franchise agreement under By-law 84 of the District of Mackenzie approved in accordance with the certificate of public convenience and necessity	Granted: March 11, 1970.
		Feb. 12, 1970	Construction and operation of approximately 10.1 miles of natural gas-transmission pipe-line to serve the proposed Lornex Project, including the townsite in the Highland Valley	Granted: August 10, 1970.
		Dec. 24, 1970	Extension of gas-transmission facilities to serve Balco Forest Products Ltd. north of Kamloops	Not concluded in the year 1970.
	Plains-Western Gas & Electric Co. Ltd.	Aug. 8, 1969	Gas franchise agreement under By-law 128 of the Village of Taylor approved in accordance with the certificate of public convenience and necessity	Granted: January 27, 1970.
	Squamish Gas Co. Ltd.	Feb. 10, 1970	Condition 2 in the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted November 19, 1965, amended to read: "The gas to be used in this distribution system shall be either liquefied petroleum gas (L.P.G.) or liquefied natural gas (L.N.G.)"	Granted: March 20, 1970.
Electricity	Boundary Power Ltd.	June 4, 1969	Construction and operation of an electric utility at Boundary Lake	Not concluded in the year 1970.
	West Kootenay Power & Light Co. Ltd.	(1)	Construction and operation of extensions to the utility's electrical transmission and distribution system to serve residents in the rural area of the south portion of the West Kettle River Valley in accordance with the Commission's order and decision dated January 7, 1970	Granted: July 3, 1970.
	Summerland, District of	Jan. 23, 1970	Operation of electric distribution-lines to serve residents in Garnet Valley outside the District's corporate boundaries	Granted: October 30, 1970.
Water	Al-Nor Properties Ltd.	Jan. 7, 1970	Certificate of public convenience and necessity granted March 24, 1969, amended to enlarge the utility's service area on Galiano Island	Granted: January 14, 1970.
	Alpine Water Co. Ltd.	Mar. 9, 1970	Certificate of public convenience and necessity granted January 10, 1968, further amended to enlarge its water service area	Granted: March 24, 1970.
	British Columbia Forest Products Ltd.	Nov. 19, 1970	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a proposed subdivision in the company townsite at Port Renfrew	Granted: December 9, 1970.
		July 27, 1970	Operation of a water system at Youbou	Granted: October 2, 1970.
	Brown, Lloyd George	Sept. 28, 1970	Certificate of public convenience and necessity transferred to L. G. Brown on April 1, 1969, amended to enlarge the service area at Yale	Granted: October 26, 1970.
	Baluk, Anne	Sept. 23, 1970	Certificate of public convenience and necessity granted M. Baluk amended to record the new operator's name as "Anne Baluk"	Granted: September 30, 1970.
	Canning, D. L., & Sons	Mar. 19, 1970	Certificate of public convenience and necessity granted Mrs. Marion Canning Lusk amended, following her decease, to record the new operator as "David Lester Canning & Sons"	Granted: April 3, 1970.

[1] Not applicable.

TABLE 1—APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY OUTSTANDING OR RESOLVED IN 1970 —*Continued*

Class of Service	Applicant	Date of Application	Particulars	Result
Water	Cedarlane Water Systems Ltd.	Mar. 17, 1970	Certificate of public convenience and necessity granted May 9, 1969, amended to enlarge the water service area on North Saltspring Island	Granted: May 13, 1970.
	Cedar Creek Developments Ltd.	Sept. 3, 1965	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision near Kelowna	Granted: August 3, 1970.
	Copper Beech Utilities Ltd.	Oct. 22, 1969	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision near Fort Langley	Granted: December 2, 1970.
	Eagle Heights Utility Ltd.	June 22, 1970	Certificate of public convenience and necessity granted November 5, 1963, further amended to enlarge the service area at Nanoose Bay	Granted: September 9, 1970.
	Emerald Water Co. Ltd.	Mar. 9, 1970	Certificate of public convenience and necessity granted January 10, 1968, amended to enlarge the service area	Granted: March 24, 1970.
	Erskine Heights Water & Development Co. Ltd.	Mar. 4, 1970	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision on Saltspring Island	Granted: March 20, 1970.
	Fraser Valley Enterprises Ltd.	Dec. 1, 1969	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision in the District of Matsqui	Granted: January 12, 1970.
	Fuhr, Fred and Mathilde	Apr. 14, 1969	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision near Vernon	Granted: October 26, 1970.
	Galiano Estates Ltd.	Mar. 4, 1970	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision on Galiano Island	Granted: May 1, 1970.
	Geneva Holdings Ltd.	July 10, 1970	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision at Mill Bay, Vancouver Island	Granted: September 4, 1970.
		Aug. 9, 1968	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision on Saturna Island	Granted: February 11, 1970.
	Gravel Hill Supplies Ltd.	Sept. 4, 1970	Certificate of public convenience and necessity granted February 18, 1966, amended to enlarge the service area at Bench Park, Cobble Hill	Granted: September 14, 1970.
	Gulf Industries Ltd.	Apr. 23, 1970	Water-distribution system on Pender Island enlarged and extended by additional capital works	Granted: August 7, 1970.
	H. & P. Holdings Ltd.	June 2, 1970	Certificate of public convenience and necessity amended to enlarge the service area near Ganges Harbour on Saltspring Island	Granted: July 27, 1970.
	Harrison Water Works Ltd.	Aug. 14, 1969	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision near the Village of Harrison Hot Springs	Granted: February 16, 1970.
	Holiday Properties Ltd.	Aug. 25, 1969	Construction and operation of a water system to supply a first-phase development of a subdivision near Mabel Lake	Granted: February 13, 1970.
	Inter-Island Utilities Ltd.	Mar. 19, 1970	Certificate of public convenience and necessity granted March 24, 1969, amended to enlarge the service area on Mayne Island	Granted: June 22, 1970.
	Keekwillie Park Estates Ltd.	Jan. 23, 1970	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision 12 miles east of Kamlops	Granted: August 3, 1970.
	Kie Estates Ltd.	Feb. 9, 1970	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision at Estamont Beach near Vernon	Granted: June 8, 1970.
	Kokanee Springs Development Ltd.	Jan. 17, 1969	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision at Crawford Bay	Granted: November 12, 1970.

Koksilah Utilities Ltd.	May 1, 1970	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision near Duncan	Granted: June 22, 1970.
Kopina Estate Ltd.	June 26, 1969	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision at Deep Bay near Bowser	Granted: November 2, 1970.
Langley, City of	Mar. 19, 1970	Construction and operation by the City of Langley, in accordance with an agreement dated April 6, 1970, between the City and the Township of Langley, of waterworks for the supply of water in bulk to the township for the sole purpose of supplying Dodd Subdivision	Granted: April 15, 1970.
Naumann, A. W.	June 5, 1969	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision near Oliver	Granted: March 18, 1970.
Nesters Waterworks Ltd.	Oct. 15, 1968	Certificate of public convenience and necessity granted December 21, 1966, amended to provide for additional construction of water mains and the serving of an enlarged area	Granted: February 27, 1970.
Nofield, Mrs. C. A.	Nov. 26, 1969	Construction and operation of a water utility to serve a subdivision on Pender Island	Granted: April 29, 1970.
North Vesuvius Holdings Ltd.	Sept. 24, 1968	Certificate granted August 29, 1968, amended to enlarge the service area of the utility at St. Mary Lake, Saltspring Island	Granted: June 26, 1970.
100 Mile Water Utilities Ltd.	Nov. 24, 1970	Certificate of public convenience and necessity granted April 18, 1962, amended to provide for the construction of a second well with pumping facilities	Granted: November 25, 1970.
Paris Enterprises Ltd.	Apr. 29, 1969	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision near Cobble Hill, Vancouver Island	Granted: April 13, 1970.
Prentice, G. C.	Sept. 22, 1970	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision on Quadra Island	Granted: December 16, 1970.
Prince George College Lands Ltd.	Mar. 5, 1970	Construction and operation of a water system to serve College Heights Subdivision near Prince George	Granted: November 12, 1970.
R. & E. Enterprises Ltd.	Sept. 29, 1969	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision near Kelowna	Granted: October 5, 1970.
Ranch Point Utilities Ltd.	Apr. 3, 1970	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision near Parksville	Granted: July 13, 1970.
	Aug. 5, 1970	Certificate amended to enlarge service area	Granted: October 26, 1970.
Reid, Ken, Construction Ltd.	Feb. 26, 1970	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision at Eagle Bay on Shuswap Lake	Granted: September 9, 1970.
Reschke, J. S.	Nov. 18, 1968	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision at Hudson Hope	Granted: August 3, 1970.
Salt Spring Lands Ltd.	Sept. 12, 1969	Certificate granted November 27, 1968, amended to enlarge the service area on Galiano Island	Granted: October 30, 1970.
Sandy Hook Water Co. Ltd.	Jan. 11, 1968	Operation of a water utility at Sechelt on its transfer from Sechelt Development Ltd.	Granted: January 16, 1970.
Sherwood Waterworks Ltd.	Feb. 23, 1970	Certificate granted May 28, 1969, amended to enlarge the service area at Shawnigan Lake	Granted: March 11, 1970.
Shuswap Enterprises Ltd.	Mar. 25, 1969	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision in three phases of development near Sorrento	Granted: May 15, 1970.
Shuswap Lake Utilities Ltd.	Apr. 29, 1970	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision near Sorrento, Shuswap Lake	Granted: August 5, 1970.
Sunrise Valley Water Co. Ltd.	Jan. 21, 1970	Certificate of public convenience and necessity granted July 18, 1969, amended to enlarge the area served at Barnhart Vale	Granted: January 30, 1970.

TABLE 1—APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY OUTSTANDING OR RESOLVED IN 1970 —*Continued*

Class of Service	Applicant	Date of Application	Particulars	Result
Water	Sutherland, G. L.	Sept. 29, 1970	Certificate granted March 20, 1956, amended to remove the restriction as to the maximum amount of water sold per day at the utility near Nelson	Granted: November 2, 1970.
	Thornhill Properties Ltd.	Apr. 8, 1969	Construction and operation of a water utility to serve a subdivision near Terrace	Granted: October 30, 1970.
		Nov. 30, 1970	Certificate amended to correct error in the legal description of the area served	Granted: November 30, 1970.
	Thornhill Utilities Ltd.	Aug. 22, 1968	Operation of a water system for a number of water-users near the junction of Highways 25 and 16, Terrace	Granted: May 4, 1970.
	Thompson Park Waterworks Co. Ltd.	Mar. 9, 1970	Certificate of public convenience and necessity granted August 4, 1966, amended to enlarge the service area near Kamloops	Granted: April 15, 1970.
	Tunstall Bay Water Works Ltd.	Mar. 17, 1970	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision on Bowen Island	Granted: May 1, 1970.
	Tuwanek Water Co. Ltd.	Feb. 22, 1967	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision at Sechelt Inlet	Granted: January 23, 1970.
	W. G. Developments Ltd.	Feb. 6, 1970	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision near Elko	Granted: June 8, 1970.
	West Bay Estates Ltd.	Mar. 23, 1970	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision at Nanoose Bay	Granted: July 13, 1970.
	Westerlea Estates Ltd.	June 1, 1970	Construction and operation of a water system to serve Whiskey Creek Subdivision near Coombs	Granted: July 29, 1970.
	Wiebe, A. R., Lands Ltd.	Nov. 19, 1968	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision in the District of Matsqui	Granted: December 14, 1970.
	Wiig Holdings Ltd.	May 7, 1970	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision at Westbank	Granted: November 2, 1970.
	Wise Island Water Co.	Apr. 13, 1967	Construction and operation of a water system to serve a subdivision on Wise Island, Trincomali Channel	Granted: April 17, 1970.

NOTE—The preceding entries in Table 1 reflect certificates of public convenience and necessity approved and granted during the calendar year 1970. In addition, the following applications from prospective water utilities are currently under investigation. A number of them are at some stage of process while others are required to submit further information and undertakings in support of their applications for certificates.

Name	Location of Proposed Water Utility	Name	Location of Proposed Water Utility
Anglemont Resorts Ltd.	Anglemont.	Dawson Tonchek Foundation	Kamloops.
Cowichan Indian Band	Duncan.	Dallas, Constabous & Kinney	Bowen Island.
Eddy Holdings Ltd.	Bowen Island.	Eagle Crest Estates Ltd.	Qualicum[1].
Evergreen Properties Ltd.	Halfmoon Bay.	Ellis Mobile Homes Ltd.	Kamloops.
Gem Waterworks	Denman Island.	Canim Lake Estates Ltd.	100 Mile House.
Golden Holdings Ltd.	Golden.	Granite Mountain Developments Ltd.	Rossland.
Halfmoon Bay Developments Ltd.	Halfmoon Bay.	Harbour Heights Holdings	Okanagan Landing.
Hornby Island Holdings Ltd.	Sayward.	Highview Properties Ltd.	Cranbrook.
Hollywood Dell Estates Ltd.	Rutland[1].	Inter-Island Utilities Ltd.	Savary Island.
R. P. Hicks	Nanoose Bay.	Kawkawa Lake Developments	Hope.
R. B. Johnson	Kimberley.	Lang Bay Waterworks	Powell River.
P. Kereluk	Hope.	Neptune Estates Ltd.	Pender Island.
Killiney Beach Resorts Ltd.	Kelowna.	R. A. Pelletier	Hope.
Jacobson Estates Ltd.	Erroc Lake.	Parkridge Heights Holdings Ltd.	Prince George.
R. C. Mainwaring	Vanderhoof.	Radium Hot Springs Golf & Country Club	Radium Hot Springs.
Pender Waterworks No. 1 Ltd.	North Pender Island.	Spur Ranch Ltd.	Edgewater.
South Thompson Development Ltd.	Shuswap Lake.	Shellwood Properties Ltd.	Ladysmith[1].
Salmon Valley Utility Co.	Prince George.	Saratoga Utilities	Scotch Creek[1].
Shanboolard Estates Ltd.	Westbank[1].	Skana Investments	Mayne Island.
Terrien Waterworks	Parksville.	Thornhill Investments	Terrace.
Tongue Point Waterworks	Nanoose Bay[1].	Valouch Enterprises	Vernon.
K. M. Thompson	Prince George.	Vanland Developments Ltd.	Cobble Hill.
Wallace Island Holding Co.	Wallace Island.	Whiskey Point Waterworks Ltd.	Quadra Island.
Willgay Homes Ltd.	Sproat Lake.	West Kelowna Estates Ltd.	Kelowna.
Anton Ziegler	Terrace.		
Alto Utilities Ltd.	Winfield.		
Alma Holdings Ltd.	Cranbrook.		

[1] Amendment to certificate.

TABLE 2—EXTENSIONS DEALT WITH UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT DURING 1970

Class of Service	Applicant	Particulars
Water	Alta Lake Waterworks Ltd.	Short extension of water main to serve the Department of Highways yard-site at Alta Lake.
	Cranbrook, City of	Provision of new water wells, pumping-stations, and other facilities which will supply water not only to the city itself but to consumers outside its boundaries.
	Dougan, V. R.	Extension of water mains along Shawnigan Lake Road, Shawnigan Lake, Vancouver Island.
	Emerald Water Co. Ltd.	Service area of water utility extended at Green Lake without the necessity of an amendment to certificate of public convenience and necessity.
	Godin, Leo	Extension of water main to serve a customer at Port Kells just outside the utility's service area.
	Parksville, Village of	Extension of water system outside the village boundaries to serve a 10-lot subdivision owned by Mrs. G. M. Besson.
	Revelstoke, City of	Extension of water mains to serve Red Devil Hill Subdivision outside the city.
	Sunnyset Development Ltd.	Extension of water service to additional five lots contiguous to the utility's original service area at Mill Bay, Vancouver Island.
	Zaitsoff, W. R.	Extension of water mains to serve D. W. Mercer near Aldergrove.
		Extension of water mains to serve J. Levinsky on 248 Street, Aldergrove.

TABLE 3—APPLICATIONS TO COMMISSION TO REQUIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES TO EXTEND THEIR SYSTEMS, 1970

Name of Public Utility	Applicant	Particulars of Application	Disposition
Anderson, D. W.	Doylend, S. A.; Harmer, D.; and other petitioners	Complained that connections had not been provided, although advertising signs prior to the purchase of lots in the subdivision promised water service	The Commission continued its efforts to have the utility regularize its water operations and, following improvements to the plant, the applicants can anticipate service from a 2-inch line at a cost of $285 for each lot owner.
Centennial Developments Ltd.	Crawley, H. N.	Complained that the ultility refused to grant a water-service connection	At the year-end efforts were being made to make a connection from a 4-inch main owned by the school district. This was subject to an agreement between the school district and the utility.
Enderby, City of	Hislop, C., and other petitioners	The petitioners, now numbering 10, renewed their demands for an extension of water mains to serve their homes located outside the municipal boundaries on West Salmon Arm Road	The city was reluctant to extend services, but at the Commission's request engineering costs were obtained, and at the year-end the petitioners were being circularized to determine whether they would pay the full costs involved.
Fernie, City of	Kisdyk, R., and other petitioners	Requested assistance in obtaining water service to their properties outside the municipal boundaries	The Commission investigated and, subsequently, the city made connections to all the petitioners' homes.
Gibsons, Village of	Gibsons Property Ltd. (H. M. Rankin)	Advised the Commission that although there was a water-line on Pratt Road, the village would not permit service to a proposed subdivision of nine lots as the half-inch main was inadequate	As the information given was not complete, the Commission advised the complainant to make a formal application to the village in writing. There was no indication at the year-end that the complainant had pursued the matter.
Kamloops, City of	Lunan, C. G.	Sought assistance in obtaining water service refused by the city to the applicant's property, 270 feet from the nearest water main	The applicant lives just outside the city boundaries. At the year-end the Commission was looking into his request.
Kelowna, City of	Gruenke Bros.	Requested a water connection to his property outside the city's municipal boundaries	The applicant has one dwelling on the property, but it appeared that he intended to develop the area. Until the city was provided with more information on the proposed development, the Commission was not in a position to press for an extension for a single water connection.
Nelson, City of	Smith, H. R.	Complained of difficulties encountered in obtaining an electric reconnection to his property outside the city	The Commission investigated and understood that service would be provided when the applicant obtained a permit from the electrical inspector confirming that the wiring he had undertaken himself was correctly reinstalled.
Port Alberni, City of	Christian, J.	Sought assistance in obtaining a water connection to his property outside the municipal boundaries	The Commission investigated and, subsequently, the city agreed to make the connection on payment of its normal fee.
Simmons, L. S. (Ridgewood Utility)	Krevesky, B. M.	Complained that the utility had failed to make a water connection to his property at Nelson	The utility advised the Commission that installation had been delayed since the complainant had been reluctant to authorize the work after he learnt he would be required to pay the costs. The utility then made the hook-up to the house and undertook to turn water on when the applicant paid the costs authorized in the filed tariff.
Vernon, City of	Kienlein, D.	Required a water connection to his property 200 feet from the end of the water main outside the city	The Commission investigated and agreed with the city that low water pressure from the 2-inch main, being inadequate for present household and fire protection in the area, prohibited additional water connections at this time.

TABLE 3—APPLICATION TO COMMISSION TO REQUIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES TO EXTEND THEIR SYSTEMS, 1970—*Continued*

Name of Public Utility	Applicant	Particulars of Application	Disposition
Vernon, City of	Muchowski, J. J.	Sought assistance in obtaining a water connection to his property just outside the municipal boundaries	The Commission's investigation revealed that the cost of supplying service would be prohibitive. The situation would improve when the city could allocate funds in its budget to replace inadequate mains in the area, most of which, however, are located inside municipal boundaries wherein the Commission has no jurisdiction.
West Kootenay Power & Light Co. Ltd.	Gough, A. F.	While not associated with 49 other applicants who qualified for electric-service extensions under a decision made by the Commission on January 7, 1970, the petitioner sought service to his home at Rock Creek under the same terms	The Commission referred the request to the utility, which agreed to include the applicant in a canvass of the earlier applicants.

TABLE 4—APPLICATIONS TO DISCONTINUE OR SUSPEND SERVICE, 1970

Class of Service	Applicant	Date of Application	Particulars	Disposition
Electricity	Lasqueti Light & Power Co. Ltd.	Dec. 3, 1970	Sought cancellation of its certificate of public convenience and necessity following a breakdown on May 7, 1970, of the generating plant on Lasqueti Island; the operators contended that repairs would be expensive and they lack financial resources	At the year-end the utility was instructed to inform all its former customers of its application before the Commission, whose decision would be announced after a reasonable period for the lodging of any objections.
Telephone	Okanagan Telephone Co.	Nov. 27, 1969	Sought authority to discontinue the operation of the medium-frequency radio-telephone service from Kelowna and Revelstoke	Application approved on February 20, 1970.

TABLE 5—COMPLAINTS AS TO SERVICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, 1970

Name of Public Utility	Complainant	Date of Complaint	Particulars	Disposition
Bowen Island Waterworks Ltd.	Armstrong, R.	Feb. 5, 1970	Renewed previous complaints of poor water service, requested replacement of service pipe and the addition of a one-third-horsepower booster pump	The Commission informed the complainant that, while the utility agreed to improve water service to his property, he could expect no more than an improved summer seasonal supply. It could not guarantee satisfactory service all year (the pipe-line had been built many years before the utility became regulated).
Centennial Developments Ltd.	Howe, Mrs. S.	Apr. 5, 1970	Complained of inadequate service, there being no water available on several occasions	The Commission investigated and found that the utility had remedied the trouble, which arose from failure of the automatic switch, pump motor, and intake.
Gibsons, Village of	West Gibsons Heights Ratepayers' Association	July 12, 1970	Inquired as to the village's responsibility in replacing an unsatisfactory water main on Pratt Road	The Commission advised the association that the village has a statutory obligation to maintain its waterworks system but that Sunshine Coast Regional District has announced it intends to serve areas the village presently supplies. The problem should be settled between the village and the regional district.
Inland Natural Gas Co. Ltd.	Enderby, City of	Mar. 24, 1970	Objected to closure of the utility's local office, necessitating service calls be made to Vernon or Salmon Arm	The utility representatives attended the City Council and assured the local customers that a full-time customer serviceman in Salmon Arm would be able to look after local service satisfactorily.
	Shmoorkoff, W.	May 8, 1970	Complained of the manner in which gas service was cut off at his home and requested refund of the $5 reconnection fee he was subsequently obliged to pay	The utility sent the complainant a detailed summary of his account, which showed monthly payments consistently had been a month or more in arrears over a long period. The reconnection fee was in accordance with the filed tariff and did not adequately repay the utility for the trouble.
	Tebo, Mrs. E.	Mar. 23, 1970	Objected to being billed $10 (four months' minimum payment) during a period when no gas could be used because the gas inspector rejected the gas furnace at her home and required her to purchase a new one	The utility refunded the charges and also agreed to repair a concrete sidewalk damaged during installation of the gas main.
	Vernon Jubilee Hospital	Feb. 26, 1970	Complained that gas sometimes was not available to the hospital under Schedule 4 (interruptible basis during periods of cold weather in January)	The utility explained why it was sometimes necessary to curtail gas to "interruptible customers" in order to meet gas commitments to customers on "firm gas contracts." Decision as to whether a contract for firm gas should be negotiated remained with the hospital board.
Kawkawa Lake Sewage & Water Works	Summer Road Ratepayers' Association	Sept. 26, 1970	Complained of cracks in concrete water tank, exposed mains, and dirty water	The Commission found complaints had been remedied, with exception of a new pump to be installed when received from manufacturer.
Kelowna, City of	Strohm's Barber & Beauty Shops	Oct. 8, 1969	Complained of breaks in the water-line serving his home and business premises outside the city (he inquired as to the city's responsibility in improving and maintaining service)	The Commission advised the city that in its view it had a responsibility to share in the installation of a new 6-inch main on South Pandosy, outside the corporate boundaries, to replace the present inadequate 2-inch line.

Klinger Water System	Filgate, Mrs. M.	July 14, 1970	Complained of there being little water in the pipes at times	The Commission's engineer investigated and reminded the utility that it had an obligation to see that its own sprinkling regulations were observed. With these and other precautions it was expected that all would have sufficient water.
Lac la Hache Waterworks	Dohaniuk, Mrs. S.	Aug. 31, 1970	Questioned the right of the utility to turn water off when she had used it slightly beyond the sprinkling hours and a $2.50 charge for reconnection	The Commission advised the complainant as to sprinkling regulations and the reconnection charge was in accordance with the filed tariff.
Lasqueti Light & Power Co. Ltd.	Laing, Mrs. M. McMurray, Dr. G. L. McKelvey, L.	May 21, 1970 June 13, 1970 May 23, 1970	Complained of outages, poor performance, and threatened abandonment of electric utility service on Lasqueti Island	The utility contended it could no longer continue to put considerable funds into the cost of maintaining its generating plant to serve so few customers. At the year-end the Commission was dealing with the utility's application to abandon service.
Northland Utilities (B.C.) Ltd.	Watson, D. E.	July 9, 1970	Questioned the right of the utility to discontinue gas service within two weeks of billing; the complainant stated he had been taking gas service over four years and had paid all previous accounts	The Commission informed the complainant of the utility's regulations filed under the *Public Utilities Act*. The utility had authority to discontinue service in this case.
Okanagan Telephone Co.	Twin Lakes Golf & Country Club, Kaladen	Nov. 13, 1970	Complained of several service interruptions and contended that its telephone should be attached to the Penticton rather than Keremeos Exchange	The utility explained that recent disruption was traced to a fallen tree and service was then restored. At the year-end the utility promised to review the request for transfer of service to Penticton Exchange.
	British Columiba Farmers' Institute	Apr. 21, 1970	Complained of inadequate telephone service at Deep Creek	The utility made a number of operating improvements which appeared to satisfy local residents following a meeting arranged at Deep Creek.
	Salt, G.	Dec. 15, 1970	Objected to the utility proposing to transfer subscribers telephones at Mara Lake from the Enderby to Sicamous Exchange, contending local service would not be so satisfactory	The complaint was under review at the year-end.
	Master Craft Millwork Penticton Ltd.	Aug. 29, 1970	Complained of the use of demand notices sent as reminders on unpaid telephone accounts as well as regulations governing security deposits	The utility undertook to revise the complainant's credit rating and the account was recoded to allow more liberal paying habits.
	Summerland, District of	Aug. 7, 1970	Complained of deterioration of long-distance service, telephone circuits overloaded, resulting in frequent delays; this was the present situation despite a recent rate increase	The utility explained that rapid growth in number of subscribers required more switching equipment and it had been handicapped by late deliveries due to manufacturers' strikes and labour troubles. All these matters were coming under control and service would now improve.

TABLE 5—COMPLAINTS AS TO SERVICE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, 1970—*Continued*

Name of Public Utility	Complainant	Date of Complaint	Particulars	Disposition
Parkridge Heights Holdings Ltd.	Parkridge Heights Home-Owners' Association	Nov. 17, 1970	Complained that a sewerage charge of $5 a month was too high and that the utility had not established water rates	The complainant was advised that sewerage rates were not regulated under the *Public Utilities Act*. The Commission had requested the company to complete its application for a water utility and to submit a tariff.
	Parkridge Heights Improvement District	Oct. 20, 1970	Complained that water pressure serving improvement district customers was inadequate and therefore that Parkridge Heights Holdings Ltd. should not sell any more of their subdivision lots until a certificate of public convenience and necessity has been obtained and a further supply of water developed	The complainant was assured that the proposed water utility (Parkridge Heights Holdings Ltd.) would be required to satisfy the Commission before any certificate was granted.
Rockgas Utilities Ltd.	Port Alice, District of	Aug. 24, 1970	Concern expressed that termination of the utility's service representative at Rumble Beach subdivision may lead to unsatisfactory gas maintenance	The utility contended that it was not economically feasible to maintain a full-time employee, but a licensed gas-fitter had been retained locally to handle emergency calls. The Commission was investigating further at the year-end.
Sandy Hook Water Co. Ltd.	Sherwood, C. J. Sandy Hook Association	Oct. 13, 1969 Feb. 25, 1970	Complained of generally poor water service and inadequate pressure	The Commission investigated and found that certain necessary parts were eventually obtained for the automatic operation of the pumping-station at well 3. Service, thereby, was much improved.
Seed, R. C., Water System	Petition from water-users	July 2, 1970	The complainants expressed concern that they would be left without water if the utility's supplier (the District of Peachland) carried out its intention to cut its wholesale rate service to Mr. Seed's subdivision in six months' time on the plea that its water resources were insufficient for all its users	At the year-end the District of Peachland was negotiating the purchase of Mr. Seed's waterworks system.
Simmons, L. S., (Ridgewood Utility)	Ridgewood Improvement District	Sept. 29, 1970	Complained of leaking tank and main failures causing unnecessary curtailment of water supply to customers during hot weather; the Department of Highways also reported water was appearing on shoulder of the road	The Commission's engineer made an on-site survey with representatives of the improvement district. The utility was then carrying out the repair and maintenance work it is capable of financing from the water-rate revenues received.
H.R. Ventures Ltd.	Leavens, J.	May 22, 1970	Complained of poor water service and that service connection to a camp-site employing some 80 men would result in further service deterioration	The Commission's investigation disclosed that connections to the camp would be off a looped 4-inch main which is capable of supplying water to the camp without impairing service elsewhere on the utility's system.
	Paulson, C.	Aug. 29, 1970	Complained of water service being curtailed during the past two winters due to frozen mains	It was not possible at this date to determine whether the freezing occurred within the utility's mains or inside the complainants property, but the company was instructed in future to follow the procedure laid down in Public Utilities Commission Water Regulations, Division 18, dealing with freezing.

West Kootenay Power & Light Co. Ltd.	Greenwood Video Ltd.	Sept. 23, 1969	Sought the Commission's assistance in pressing damage claims when its cable-vision business was disrupted because a power-line was brought down following blasting operations at Granby Mining Company's site	The Commission decided after investigation that the complainant should seek legal advice. It was not a matter to be resolved under the *Public Utilities Act.*
Woodsdale Utilities Ltd.	Locking, S. L.	June 22, 1970	Complained that the utility had disconnected the water-service line to his home at Winfield and did not provide another service from a new extension of mains on Pretty Road	An order was made on June 26, 1970, requiring the utility to reconnect service. The company did not comply with the order. Prosecution proceedings were commenced and the connection was made. Later, the company was fined $200.
White Rock Utilities Ltd.	Wright, Mrs. D.	Dec. 1, 1970	Complained that in order to correct a water leakage on the road in front of her home utility workmen relocated a water meter inside her fence-line, causing damage to her garden during the process	It appeared that the complainant's fence encroached on the roadway and there remained some doubt as to whether the meter had been relocated inside her property. The Commission was investigating the matter at the year-end.
Zeballos Utilities Ltd.	Zeballos, Village of	Apr. 20, 1970	Complained that the electric utility was in a deplorable condition both financially and mechanically; service was disrupted frequently; company-generated electric power ceased on September 29, 1970; the village sought permission to secure stand-by power from Tahsis Co. Ltd.	With the Commission's approval, the village obtained emergency power from Tahsis Co. Ltd. at the rate of 5 cents per kwh. for resale to the public at 7 cents per kwh. The company did not agree to this arrangement. As a result the Commission appointed the Village Clerk as Supervisor of Zeballos Utilities Ltd. for the purpose of making collections from the customers and making payments to Tahsis Co. Ltd. The utility is still obtaining power under this arrangement.

TABLE 6—RATE CHANGES CONSENTED TO DURING 1970 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 17 AND 19 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT

(*a*) *Electric-power Systems*

Name of Public Utility	Area Affected	Effect of Change	Date Filed	Date Effective
Princeton Light & Power Co. Ltd.	Princeton and adjacent areas	Revised street-lighting schedule negotiated with Village Council; no increase in rates, the purpose being to broaden scope of the tariff by specifying rates for fluorescent and mercury-vapour lamps in addition to existing rate for incandescent lamps	Dec. 11, 1970	Dec. 1, 1970
	Princeton and adjacent areas	Filing of a new schedule to provide customer outdoor lighting to illuminate private property (other than public streets or lanes)	Jan. 23, 1970	Jan. 23, 1970
West Kootenay Power & Light Co. Ltd.	All areas served by the utility	Filing of a new rate schedule (Industrial Power Schedule 81) applicable to large industrial users with a contract demand of 3,500 kva. or more (Hiram Walker's Winfield distillery the only anticipated customer at present)	Apr. 6, 1970	Apr. 6, 1970
Zeballos Utilities Ltd.	Zeballos	Emergency standby power purchased from Tahsis Co. Ltd. and sold to customers as set out in letters dated November 18, 1970, from Tahsis Co. Ltd. to Zeballos Utilities Ltd. and the Public Utilities Commission	Dec. 1, 1970[1]	Sept. 30, 1970[2]

(*b*) *Waterworks Systems*

Bastedo, G. C.	Ganges	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Mar. 13, 1970	Mar. 13, 1970
Breakwater Enterprises Ltd.	French Creek, Vancouver Island	Charge increased for service connections up to and including 1 inch	Nov. 20, 1970	Nov. 20, 1970
British Columbia Forest Products Ltd.	Youbou	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to the company's tenants and employees	Dec. 18, 1970	Dec. 1, 1970
Claremont Utilities Ltd.	Vernon	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Sept. 30, 1970	Sept. 30, 1970
Cobble Hill Water System	Cobble Hill	Charges for new connections increased; slight increase in metered water rates with, however, a substantial increase in water consumption permitted on the monthly minimum charge to all users	July 3, 1970	May 1, 1970
Copper Beech Utilities	Fort Langley	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Dec. 30, 1970	Dec. 30, 1970
Elk Creek Waterworks Co. Ltd.	City of Chilliwack and Township of Chilliwhack	Increase in metered rates for all water users; fire-connection rates increased for commercial users; hydrant rates charged both the city and township increased	Oct. 30, 1970	Nov. 1, 1970
Erskine Heights Water & Development Co. Ltd.	Ganges	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Apr. 29, 1970	Apr. 29, 1970
Forest Grove Development Co. Ltd.	Forest Grove	Water rates increased for all residential and commercial users. Rules and regulations revised by the adoption of the standard form of tariff	Feb. 18, 1970	Jan. 1, 1970
Fraser Valley Enterprises Ltd.	Matsqui, District of	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Feb. 2, 1970	Feb. 2, 1970
Fuhr, F. and M.	Vernon	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Nov. 9, 1970	Nov. 9, 1970
Godin, Leo and Jean	Port Kells	Rate filed for new water connections and standard form of tariff adopted	Apr. 10, 1970	Apr. 10, 1970

Genoa Bay Properties Ltd.	Genoa Bay, Vancouver Island	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Dec. 2, 1970	Dec. 2, 1970
George Jacques Developments Ltd.	Okanagan Centre	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Aug. 21, 1970	Aug. 21, 1970
Harrison Waterworks Ltd.	Harrison Hot Springs	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Mar. 2, 1970	Mar. 2, 1970
Holiday Properties Ltd.	Enderby	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Mar. 2, 1970	Mar. 2, 1970
Kawkawa Lake Sewage & Water Works	Kawkawa Lake, Hope	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Jan. 9, 1970	Jan. 9, 1970
Kie Estates Ltd.	Estamont Beach, Vernon	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	June 24, 1970	June 24, 1970
Koksilah Utilities Co.	Duncan	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Aug. 12, 1970	Aug. 12, 1970
Kopina Estate Ltd.	Deep Bay, Bowser	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Nov. 20, 1970	Nov. 20, 1970
Matheson Mortgage & Loans Ltd.	St. Mary Lake, Saltspring Island	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Feb. 11, 1970	Feb. 11, 1970
Naumann, A. W.	Oliver	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Nov. 23, 1970	Nov. 23, 1970
Nofield Subdivision Water System	Port Washington	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	May 15, 1970	May 15, 1970
100 Mile Water Utilities Ltd.	100 Mile House	Fire-hydrant and standpipe flat rate filed for the Village of 100 Mile House; fire and sprinkler connection flat rate filed for commercial and industrial premises, schools, and hospitals	July 30, 1970	Aug. 1, 1970
Paris Enterprises Ltd.	Cobble Hill	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Dec. 2, 1970	Dec. 2, 1970
Prince George College Lands Ltd.	Prince George	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Dec. 2, 1970	Dec. 2, 1970
R. & E. Enterprises Ltd.	Kelowna	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Oct. 26, 1970	Oct. 26, 1970
Ranch Point Utilities Ltd.	Parksville	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	July 22, 1970	July 22, 1970
Reid, Ken, Construction Ltd.	Eagle Bay, Salmon Arm	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Nov. 20, 1970	Nov. 20, 1970
Reschke, J.	Hudson Hope	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Aug. 25, 1970	Aug. 25, 1970
Ridgewood Utility (L. S. Simmons)	Nelson	Monthly flat water rate increased	Feb. 27, 1970	Jan. 1, 1970
Sandy Hook Water Co. Ltd.	Sechelt	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Feb. 4, 1970	Feb. 4, 1970
Saturna Shores Water Utility	Saturna Island	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Sept. 30, 1970	Sept. 30, 1970
Seed, R. C., Water Utility	Peachland	Monthly flat water rate increased	Oct. 2, 1970	Oct. 1, 1970
Shuswap Enterprises Ltd.	Sorrento	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	June 3, 1970	June 3, 1970
Sunrise Valley Water Co. Ltd.	Barnhartvale	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Aug. 11, 1970	Aug. 11, 1970
Thompson Park Waterworks Co. Ltd.	Kamloops	Charges for new service connections increased	Oct. 22, 1970	Oct. 22, 1970
Thornhill Properties Ltd.	Terrace	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Dec. 11, 1970	Dec. 11, 1970
Thornhill Utilities Ltd.	Terrace	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	July 29, 1970	July 29, 1970
Tongue Point Water Co. Ltd.	Nanoose Bay	Tariff amended to provide an increase in charges for new water connections	Oct. 5, 1970	Oct. 5, 1970
Tunstall Bay Waterworks Ltd.	Bowen Island	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	May 15, 1970	May 15, 1970
W.G. Developments Ltd.	Elko	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Aug. 21, 1970	Aug. 21, 1970
West Bay Estates Ltd.	Nanoose Bay, Vancouver Island	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Aug. 19, 1970	Aug. 19, 1970
Westerlea Estates Ltd.	Parksville	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Aug. 14, 1970	Aug. 14, 1970
Wiebe, A. R., Lands Ltd.	Abbotsford	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Dec. 30, 1970	Dec. 30, 1970
Wiig Holdings Ltd.	Westbank	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Nov. 20, 1970	Nov. 20, 1970
Woodsdale Utilities Ltd.	Winfield	Original filing of a water tariff governing service to a subdivision	Jan. 21, 1970	Jan. 21, 1970

[1] Order date.
[2] For all periods when emergency supply is provided.

TABLE 6—RATE CHANGES CONSENTED TO DURING 1970 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 17 AND 19 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT—*Continued*

(*b*) *Waterworks Systems*—Continued

Name of Public Utility	Area Affected	Effect of Change	Date Filed	Date Effective
Campbell River, District of	Areas adjacent to Campbell River	Filing of Water Regulation By-law 428 repealing Water Regulation By-law 378; rules and regulations sections enlarged and rewritten for greater clarity; no change in rate structure	Feb. 13, 1970	Jan. 1, 1970
Parksville, Village of	Areas adjacent to Parksville	Filing of Water Regulation By-law 290 amending By-law 137, to increase the additional monthly water rate charged outside users	Apr. 1, 1970	Apr. 1, 1970
Prince George, City of	Areas adjacent to Prince George	Filing of Water Regulation By-law 2195 repealing By-law 1193 and all subsequent amendments; new and complete regulations provided to clarify previous rules; rates for new connections increased; graduated scale of meter rentals introduced; fire-hydrant rate introduced for CNR property	(Jan. 8, 1971)	Jan. 19, 1970
	Areas adjacent to Prince George	Filing of Water Regulation By-law 2268 amending By-law 2195; all rates reduced by 10 per cent, but previous 10 per cent prompt-payment discount eliminated with corresponding 10 per cent late penalty imposed when applicable (this revision made to simplify billing procedure); connection charges increased slightly; certain clauses in By-law 2195 deleted as they were in conflict with Public Utilities Commission Waterworks Regulations	(Jan. 8, 1971)	(Jan. 1, 1971)
Trail, City of	Areas adjacent to Trail	Filing of Water Regulations By-law 1581 amending By-law 1380, increasing, under Schedule A, both flat and metered rates to all domestic and commercial customers	Jan. 26, 1970	Jan. 1, 1970
Vernon, City of	Areas adjacent to Vernon	Filing of Water Regulation By-law 1944 amending By-law 1768, increasing flat water rates to outside users	May 20, 1970	Apr. 1, 1970
	Areas adjacent to Vernon	Filing of Water Regulation Amending By-laws 1559, 1725, and 1884, all of which amended By-law 1294, filed August 26, 1958 (note these by-laws involved increases in new connection charges; through an oversight the city had not previously submitted them for approval under the *Public Utilities Act;* it was found that the new rates in the amending by-laws affected outside users)	Apr. 1, 1970	(3)
Williams Lake, Town of	Areas adjacent to Williams Lake	Filing of Water Regulation By-law 358 repealing By-law 256 and all subsequent amendments, increasing both flat and metered rates; regulations revised and provision made for quarterly billing; bulk-sale rate to Glendale Improvement District increased	Mar. 18, 1970	Apr. 1, 1970

(*c*) *Gas Systems*

Columbia Natural Gas Ltd.	Kaiser Resources Ltd.	Filing of an agreement under which natural gas is sold to Kaiser Resources Ltd. for its coal-mine complex at Sparwood	June 10, 1970	(4)

	Kaiser Resources Ltd.	Filing of an agreement under which natural gas is sold to Kaiser Resources Ltd. Michel coal-processing plant and the Balmer North mine-shaft burners located at Sparwood	Dec. 23, 1970	(4)
Fort Nelson Gas Ltd.	Fort Nelson area	Industrial Rate (Schedule 3) filed	Feb. 18, 1970	Feb. 18, 1970
Inland Natural Gas Co. Ltd.	All areas served by the utility	A form of industrial contract to be used for customers on Industrial Rate 3	Oct. 28, 1970	Oct. 28, 1970
	All areas served by the utility	Filing of a service agreement under which Western Products & Crude Oil Pipelines Ltd. takes firm gas under Schedule 11 and interruptible service under Schedule 12	Mar. 13, 1970	Nov. 1, 1968[5]
	All areas served by the utility	Firm service rate under Schedule 7 revised so that no new account will be opened after October 15, 1970; existing customers will be serviced until cancelled in accordance with the general terms and conditions in the tariff	Oct. 19, 1970	Oct. 15, 1970
	All areas served by the utility	Schedule 2 revised to stipulate that after November 20, 1970, its rate is not available to an industrial customer who has a total connected load of 2 Mcf. or more per hour	Nov. 23, 1970	Nov. 20, 1970
	All areas served by the utility	Service agreement form revised to conform with new provisions governing service under Schedule 2; Schedule 5 filed for industrial large firm service as an alternative to industrial customers who would be excluded under the new revision to Schedule 2	Nov. 12, 1970	Nov. 20, 1970
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.	Bulkley Valley Forest Industries Ltd.	Filing of a contract agreement governing the sale of gas to a forest-products manufacturing complex at Houston	May 1, 1970	(6)
	All areas served by the company	Title page of the tariff amended to record change of location of the company's office in Vancouver	May 20, 1970	May 20, 1970
	All areas served by the company	Index of tariff revised to record recent revisions in rate sections	June 16, 1970	June 16, 1970
	All areas served by the company	Amendment to the "Terms of Service" provision in the tariff which permits customer use of Rate Schedule 4 where applicable	July 10, 1970	July 10, 1970
	All areas served by the company	Original Appendix A-1 revised to correct a clerical error in the present filing of the form used as an application and contract for gas service	Aug. 31, 1970	Aug. 31, 1970
Plains Western Gas & Electric Co. Ltd.	Village of Fort St. John and adjacent areas	Original filing of a mains-extension policy	July 6, 1970	July 6, 1970

(*d*) *Telephone Systems*

Okanagan Telephone Co.	Enderby and Salmon Arm	Areas reclassified to higher rate groups in the company's filed tariff due to population growth and increase in the number of telephone connections	June 22, 1970	June 22, 1970
	(Some 500 telephone subscribers beneficially affected with slightly lower rates.)	Tariff amended to update base-rate areas for 12 central offices; new locality rate area introduced within the Mica Creek Exchange	Sept. 4, 1970	Sept. 19, 1970

[3] In effect on various dates during prior years.
[4] From date of first gas delivery to January 1, 1981, and thereafter under certain stated conditions.
[5] In effect for period of five years.
[6] For three years from date of first delivery.

TABLE 7—RATE COMPLAINTS, 1970

Name of Public Utility	Complainant	Date of Complaint	Particulars	Disposition
Allen's Waterworks	Hamel, Pierre	July 13, 1970	Objected to paying for an additional water service to his property at Kaslo	The complainant was advised that the utility had a right to make a charge for a new connection resulting from the subdividing of his lot.
Bamfield Utilities Ltd.	Morris, R. L., and other electricity users at Bamfield	June 1, 1970	Protested a proposed rate increase, contending rates already were too high	At the suggestion of the Commission the company held a meeting at Bamfield and at the request of the Commission agreed to submit a reduced application.
Cedar Creek Developments Ltd.	Buchanan, H. G.	Sept. 22, 1970	Complained that the interim rate of $4 per month for water pending the Commission's approval of a tariff for filing was unnecessarily high and the utility's authority for continuing the charge was questioned	The Commission explained that the utility has failed so far to file a tariff, but it was understood that refunds would be made those who had paid in excess of $6 monthly. Any such arrangement was a matter between the company and the water-user.
Cobble Hill Water System	Luck, I. B.	June 11, 1970	Complained that the new $8 per month rate charged his general store and living-quarters under the schedule for "domestic and commercial service using the same outlet" was excessive since he would never consume the minimum 5,000 gallons permitted per month	The Commission advised the complainant that in its opinion there were no grounds for changing its decision with respect to the new approved rate.
	Gotthardt, J.	Nov. 23, 1970	Questioned the definition of penalty charges in the tariff and its application to overdue accounts under bimonthly billing	The Commission advised the complainant that there should be no confusion interpreting this aspect of the utility's billing procedure. Quite simply a 5 per cent penalty is charged for the period concerned when payment is made after the stated due date.
Cumberland, Village of	Royston Improvement District	Sept. 25, 1970	Objected to the village's application to increase bulk rate to 26 cents per 1,000 gallons supplied the district	The complainant was considering an application for an alternative source, i.e., from the Regional District of Comox-Strathcona, but at the year-end all the interested parties were still negotiating and discussing the water requirements of Royston Improvement District.
Deep Bay Development Co. Ltd.	Ruddick, Capt. G. G., and petitioners	July 9, 1970	Protested a proposed charge of $90 for water connections, the petitioners contended that this charge was contrary to information in the utility's prospectus issued by the subdivision developer	The Commission looked into the complaint and came to the conclusion that the proposed charge was not enforceable and had not been approved in the utility's filed tariff.
Inland Natural Gas Co. Ltd.	Lavington Planer Mill Ltd.	Nov. 3, 1970	Objected to rates to be charged under its new contract, contending that the changes did not encourage customer co-operation in moderating its loads during peak demand periods	The utility was reviewing the rate schedules involved in this complaint, but at the year-end the Commission had not received any tariff revisions.
	Prince George Regional Hospital, Board of Trustees	Dec. 3, 1970	Complained that the gas rates under Schedule 3 were too high, quoting lower rates in Fort St. John and Dawson Creek	The Commission explained the entirely different circumstances under which rates were charged by two other gas utilities. The rates question was under study at the year-end, but there seemed little prospect for reductions in Inland customers under Schedule 3.

	Smith, P.	Nov. 18, 1969	Complained that the utility sought additional charges over and above what was originally agreed upon for a gas-service connection at Vernon	The rate was found to be in accordance with the filed tariff, but the application form used by the utility did not clearly state that an additional charge might be levied. The utility revised its form to remedy the matter for future applicants.
Kawkawa Lake Sewage & Water Works	Pearson, J. R.	Feb. 18, 1970	Complained that the water and sewerage connection charges and monthly rates required by the utility were too high for summer cottages	The Commission does not regulate sewerage rates, but by other available comparisons the water rates were considered reasonable.
Kelowna, City of	Sherrin, Dr. D. A.	Aug. 18, 1970	Complained that he had been billed retroactively over a long period for water service and that the city was responsible for the oversight in not billing earlier	The complainant negotiated his dispute with the city and subsequently withdrew his complaint.
Okanagan Telephone Co.	Beacon Distributors Ltd., Penticton	Dec. 15, 1969	Contended that a monthly charge of $6.50 for burglar and warning alarm device was excessive	The Commission investigated the utility's cost basis used in determining the rate and came to the conclusion that the charge was reasonable and in accord with its tariff.
L. S. Simmons (Ridgewood Utility)	Ridgewood Improvement District	Mar. 9, 1970	Complained that a recent increase in water rates was approved without prior communication to the improvement district	The Commission advised the improvement district that its statement was not quite in accordance with the facts. The rate increase was sought as long ago as October 12, 1967, and since that date and the Commission's completion of its inquiry made under an order dated November 17, 1967, much correspondence had transpired to keep the improvement district informed.
	Fuhr, T.	Dec. 31, 1969	Challenged the validity of a charge of $66.30 for installing a water connection	The Commission investigated and found the charge was made in accordance with the filed tariff.
West Kootenay Power & Light Co. Ltd.	Wassman, R. A.	Apr. 15, 1970	Protested the utility's method of making adjustments to his minimum charges which result when additional customers come on the Twin Lakes extension and supply new revenue; the complainant considered his minimum charge should be less	The method of making adjustments was revised in accordance with his electric service contract and the utility's filed tariff.
	Ballman, Mrs. H., and petitioners	June 10, 1970	Requested that the $10 monthly minimum rate for Arrow Creek residents be reduced	The Commission's Chief Engineer discussed the question with the petitioners on his visit to Creston. Taking all circumstances into consideration, the Commission decided that the minimum charge cannot be reduced at the present time.
	Ghirardosi, C.	Nov. 12, 1970	Sought the Commission's assistance in the following claims against the utility: (*a*) Prepayment, $5: (*b*) Connection charge and transfer fee, $5: (*c*) $100 reward money for assistance in apprehending a person who stole utility property	The utility refunded the prepayment fee and submitted information to support the validity of item (*b*). Item (*c*) was found not to be a matter subject to jurisdiction under the *Public Utilities Act*.

TABLE 7—RATE COMPLAINTS, 1970—*Continued*

Name of Public Utility	Complainant	Date of Complaint	Particulars	Disposition
West Kootenay Power & Light Co. Ltd.	Midway Ford Tractor Sales Ltd., Kelowna	Oct. 6, 1970	Complained that the utility required a $300 security deposit when service was first connected and that no interest was paid on this money; the complainant held that this was an excessive charge	On the strength of a good credit rating the utility subsequently obtained on behalf of the complainant, the security deposit was reduced in this case to $100. Nevertheless, the larger charge of $300 is supported by Article 5 of the electric utility's filed tariff. On considering this aspect, the Commission decided that the utility should not be required to amend Article 5 under which the security deposit is equivalent to three months' estimated customer revenue.
	British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association, Cawston	Feb. 3, 1970	Contended that the utility's charge for reconnecting irrigation pumps each year was unreasonable	The utility reported that discussions were taking place with irrigation-rate users and some concession would be given them within the general terms and conditions of this service.
White Rock Utilities Ltd.	Box, G. E.	Aug. 10, 1970	Complained of the cost of an extension to serve his proposed subdivision, contending that some of the main extension estimated by the utility would be used to supply water to other subdivisions to the south at his expense	The Commission's inquiry revealed that the 6-inch rather than 4-inch main provision was a requirement of the city of White Rock, and further that the loop extension to serve the complainant's property would not serve any other subdivision.
	Hadley, F., and Goodchild, R.	Dec. 4, 1970	Complained of the cost of an extension to their proposed subdivision and that they should not have to pay for a loop extension going beyond their property to Cliff Avenue	Investigation proceeding at the year-end.
Williams Lake, Town of	Dale, R. Odine, Cliff[1]	May 12, 1969 Apr. 24, 1970	Protested the removal of the water meter in his house at a trailer park which he owned outside the municipal boundaries (flat rates substituted in place thereof for each trailer unit increased the monthly water bill substantially)	The complaint was substantially satisfied when the town installed meters on the services to trailer parks. In this complainant's case charges were adjusted retroactively to mid-1969, based on an estimated consumption, resulting in some refund of payments made.

[1] Similar complaint and settlement made as for Mr. Dale.

TABLE 8—APPLICATIONS BY PUBLIC UTILITIES FOR APPROVAL OF SECURITY ISSUES AND MORTGAGES RECEIVED AND DECIDED IN 1970

Applicant	Nature and Amount of Issue	Purpose	Date of Application	Disposition
Nesters Waterworks Ltd.	The transfer of four common shares to Ambassador Development Corporation of Canada Ltd. and the fifth share to M. Michael Sikula in trust for Ambassador Development Corporation of Canada Ltd.	*See* previous column	July 8, 1970	Granted: August 3, 1970.
Okanagan Telephone Co.	Issue of a note for $2,000,000 purchased by British Columbia Telephone Co. for a term of three years from February 27, 1970, with interest at 9½ per cent, payable semiannually	To provide funds for capital construction	Jan. 19, 1970	Granted: March 11, 1970.
	Issue of a note for $3,100,000 purchased by British Columbia Telephone Co. for a term of three years, with interest at 9⅜ per cent, payable semiannually	To provide funds for the repayment of demand loans advanced by British Columbia Telephone Co. for plant additions	July 2, 1970	Granted: September 14, 1970.
Squamish Gas Co. Ltd.	The transfer of common shares of Squamish Gas Co. Ltd. to Cigas Products Ltd.	Transfer of shares	Feb. 10, 1970	Granted: March 20, 1970.
White Rock Utilities Ltd.	Alteration in the characteristics of the special preference shares referred to in the Commission's order made January 29, 1969, by the deletion of the words "the sum of $100.00 per share" from clause (*c*) of Article 107 of the Articles of Associations of White Rock Utilities Ltd. and by the substitution therefor of the words "the amount paid up thereon"	*See* previous column	Sept. 1, 1970	Granted: November 25, 1970.
Whistler Mountain Waterworks Ltd.	Extension of the due date of the $34,900 6 per cent debenture issue from August 31, 1970, to August 31, 1975	*See* previous column	Oct. 2, 1970	Granted: October 22, 1970[1]

[1] Terms of order dated May 17, 1967, thereby varied.

TABLE 9—APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF SALES OF ASSETS OF PUBLIC UTILITY SYSTEMS RECEIVED OR DECIDED, 1970

Applicant	Transferee	Property Sold or Transferred	Date of Application	Disposition
Davis Bay Waterworks Ltd.	Sunshine Coast Regional District	Sale of waterworks system at Davis Bay	Feb. 17, 1970	Granted: March 6, 1970.
Kaiser Coal Ltd.	Sparwood, District of	Sale of water system serving customers in the communities of Michel and Sparwood	Oct. 20, 1970	Granted: November 27, 1970.
Sechelt Waterworks Ltd.	Sunshine Coast Regional District	Sale of waterworks system at Sechelt	Mar. 31, 1970	Granted: April 24, 1970.
Sechelt Development Ltd.	Sandy Hook Water Co. Ltd.	Transfer of water system at Sechelt	Jan. 11, 1968	Granted: January 16, 1970.
West Kootenay Power & Light Co. Ltd.	Kelowna, City of	Sale of that part of the applicant's electric distribution system which is located within the City of Kelowna (agreement dated May 28, 1970)	Nov. 2, 1970	Granted: December 4, 1970.

TABLE 10—APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT (SECTION 84 (2)) IN 1970

Class of Service	Applicant	Particulars	Disposition
Gas	Cigas Products Ltd.	Supply of piped propane gas to lots rented or leased to employees of Tahsis Co. Ltd. at Tahsis; exemption granted for a period of five years	Order made May 1, 1970.
Water	British Columbia Forest Products Ltd.	Water-distribution system operation at Youbou exempted from Part IV of the *Public Utilities Act* respecting the issuance of securities	Order made October 30, 1970.
	Fort St. John, Town of	Exempted from the provisions of the *Public Utilities Act* with respect to the supply of water solely to the Provincial Department of Mines establishment at Charlie Lake (the town is using the old Department of Transport 6-inch main for the purpose)	Order made October 7, 1970.
	Grosvenor-Laing (B.C.) Ltd.	Municipal services under an agreement with the Municipality of Delta, including operation of a waterworks system by Annacis Industrial Estate on Annacis Island	Granted: May 1, 1970[1]

[1] Exemption extended for a five-year period from the Commission's order dated February 18, 1965.

TABLE 11—ORDERS MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 46 (3) REQUIRING CERTAIN WATER UTILITIES TO ESTABLISH A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE RESERVE FUND

Utility	Location	Date of Commission's Order
		1969—
Shellwood Properties Ltd.	Ladysmith	March 5.
Strachan Point Estates Ltd.	Howe Sound	March 24.
Great West Agencies Ltd.	Langley	March 24.
Inter-Island Utilities Ltd.	Mayne Island	April 1.
Philimore Point Water Co. Ltd.	Galiano Island	April 25.
Deep Bay Development Co. Ltd.	Bowser	April 30.
Tozer Construction Co. Ltd.	Fanny Bay	April 30.
Cedarlane Water Systems Ltd.	North Saltspring Island	May 9.
Stella Maris Estates Ltd.	Powell River	June 4.
Sherwood Waterworks Ltd.	Shawnigan Lake	July 9.
Sunrise Valley Water Co. Ltd.	Barnhartvale	July 18.
Sheringham Estates Ltd.	Sooke	July 23.
Skana Investments Ltd.	Mayne Island	August 11.
Valley Ranches Ltd.	Barnhartvale, Kamloops	September 26.
		1970—
Fraser Valley Enterprises Ltd.	Matsqui	January 12.
Geneva Holdings Ltd.	Saturna Island	February 11.
Holiday Properties Ltd.	Mabel Lake	February 13.
Harrison Water Works Ltd.	Harrison Hot Springs	February 16.
Nesters Waterworks Ltd.	Alta Lake	February 27.
Kelowna Development Ltd.	Kelowna	March 18.
Erskine Heights Water & Development Co. Ltd.	Saltspring Island	March 20.
Paris Enterprises Ltd.	Cobble Hill	April 13.
Wise Island Water Co.	Wise Island, Trincomali	April 17.
Tunstall Bay Waterworks Ltd.	Bowen Island	May 1.
Shuswap Enterprises Ltd.	Sorrento	May 22.
Mrs. C. A. Nofield	Pender Island	May 29.
Kie Estates Ltd.	Vernon	June 8.
W.G. Developments Ltd.	Elko	June 8.
Inter-Island Utilities Ltd.	Mayne Island	June 22.
Koksilah Utilities Co.	Duncan	June 22.
West Bay Estates Ltd.	Nanoose Bay	July 13.
Claremont Utilities Ltd.	Okanagan Landing	July 13.
Ranch Point Utilities Ltd.	Parksville	July 13.
Westerlea Estates Ltd.	Coombs	July 29.
Keekwillie Park Estates Ltd.	12 miles east of Kamloops	August 3.
Shuswap Lake Utilities Ltd.	Sorrento	August 5.
Gulf Industries Ltd.	Pender Island	August 7.
Geneva Holdings Ltd.	Mill Bay, V.I.	September 4.
R and E Enterprises Ltd.	Kelowna	October 5.
Salt Spring Lands Ltd.	Galiano Island	October 30.
Thornhill Properties Ltd.	Terrace	October 30.
Kopina Estate Ltd.	Bowser	November 2.
Kokanee Springs Development Ltd.	Crawford Bay	November 12.
Parkridge Heights Holdings Ltd.	Prince George	December 9.
Gordon C. Prentice	Quadra Island	December 16.

TABLE 12—SUMMARY OF REGULATED UTILITIES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1970

1. (*a*) *Privately Owned Electric Utilities*

Name of Utility	Location
Bamfield Utilities Ltd.	Bamfield.
Kanelk Transmission Co. Ltd.	British Columbia-Alberta boundary.
Lasqueti Light & Power Co. Ltd.	Lasqueti Island.
Lincoln Electric Co-operative Inc.	Waldo, Baynes Lake.
Princeton Light & Power Co. Ltd.	Princeton.
West Kootenay Power & Light Co. Ltd.	Trail.
Yukon Electrical Co. Ltd.	Lower Post.
Zeballos Utilities Ltd.	Zeballos.

(*b*) *Municipally Owned Electric Utilities*

City of Cranbrook.
City of Fernie.
City of Kelowna.
City of Kimberley.
City of Nelson.
City of New Westminster.
City of Revelstoke.
District of Summerland.

2. *Gas Utilities*

Name of Utility	Location
Cigas Products Ltd.	Cache Creek.
Columbia Natural Gas Co. Ltd.	East Kootenay.
Fort Nelson Gas Ltd.	Fort Nelson.
Fort Nelson Transmission Co. Ltd.	Fort Nelson.
Gas Trunk Line of B.C. Ltd.	Peace River area in British Columbia.
Inland Natural Gas Co. Ltd.	Prince George, Okanagan to Nelson.
Northland Utilities (B.C.) Ltd.	Dawson Creek.
Pacific Northern Gas Ltd.	Summit Lake to Prince Rupert.
Plains-Western Gas & Electric Co. Ltd.	Fort St. John.
Rockgas Utilities Ltd. (Rumble Beach)	District of Port Alice.
Squamish Gas Co. Ltd.	Squamish.
Vancouver Island Gas Co. Ltd.	Nanaimo.

3. *Steam Heat*

Central Heat Distribution Ltd.	Vancouver.

4. *Telephone Utilities*

Okanagan Telephone Co.	Okanagan area.
City of Prince Rupert	Digby Island extensions.

5. (*a*) *Municipally Owned Water Utilities*

Village of Abbotsford.
City of Armstrong.
District of Campbell River.
District of Central Saanich.
Village of Clinton.
City of Courtenay.
City of Cranbrook.
Town of Creston.
Village of Cumberland.
City of Dawson Creek.
City of Duncan.
City of Enderby.
Town of Fort St. John.
Village of Gibsons Landing.
Greater Nanaimo Water District.
Greater Victoria Water District.

Corporation of the City of Greenwood.
Town of Hope.
City of Kamloops.
City of Kelowna.
Town of Ladysmith.
Village of Lake Cowichan.
City of Langley.
District of Matsqui.
District of Mission.
Village of Montrose.
Village of McBride.
City of Nanaimo.
Village of New Denver.
Village of Oliver.
Village of Osoyoos.
Village of Parksville.
District of Pitt Meadows.
City of Port Alberni.
City of Prince George.
City of Revelstoke.
Village of Slocan.
Village of Squamish.
City of Trail.
City of Vernon.
City of Victoria.
Town of Williams Lake.
City of North Vancouver.

(*b*) *Privately Owned Water Utilities*

Name of Utility	Location
A. R. Wiebe Ltd.	Abbotsford.
Acacia Acres Ltd.	Anglemont.
Allen's Waterworks	Kaslo.
Al-Nor Properties Ltd.	Ganges, Saltspring Island.
Alpine Water Co. Ltd.	Green Lake.
Alta Lake Resorts Ltd.	Squamish.
Alta Lake Waterworks Ltd.	Alta Lake.
Anderson, Gusta W.	100 Mile House.
Baluk, (Mrs.) Ann (Lac la Hache Waterworks)	Lac la Hache.
Bastedo, G. C.	Ganges.
Big White Ski Development Ltd.	Kelowna.
Blue Sky Development Ltd.	Oliver.
Bonner, Constance (Miss)	Cobble Hill.
Bowen Island Waterworks Ltd.	Bowen Island.
Breakwater Enterprises Ltd.	Parksville.
B.C. Forest Products Ltd.	Youbou, Port Renfrew.
Brown, Lloyd George	Yale.
Canning, David Lester (doing business as D. Lester Canning & Sons)	Youbou.
Canus Properties Inc.	Secret Island.
Cedar Creek Developments Ltd.	Kelowna.
Cedarlane Water Systems Ltd.	Ganges.
Centennial Development Ltd.	Port Moody.
Claremont Utilities Ltd.	Vernon.
Coal Harbour Utilities	Coal Harbour.
Copper Beech Utilities Ltd.	Fort Langley.
Crescent Beach Waterworks Ltd.	Crescent Beach.
Cutillo, L.	Trail.
Deep Bay Development Co. Ltd.	Nanaimo.
Dougan, V. R.	Shawnigan Lake.
Eaglecrest Estates Ltd.	Qualicum.
Eagle Heights Ltd.	Parksville.
Elk Creek Waterworks Co. Ltd.	Chilliwack.

(*b*) *Privately Owned Water Utilities*—Continued

Name of Utility	Location
Emerald Water Co. Ltd.	Green Lake.
Erroc Lake Development Ltd.	North Surrey.
Evans, George T.	Oliver.
Fintry Utilities Ltd.	Okanagan Landing.
Forest Grove Development Co. Ltd.	Forest Grove.
Fraser Valley Enterprises Ltd.	Abbotsford.
Fuhr, Fred	Vernon.
Gagnon, R.	Hope.
Galiano Construction Ltd.	Galiano Island.
Galiano Estates Ltd.	Galiano Island.
Geneva Holdings Ltd.	Saturna Island and Mill Bay.
Genoa Bay Properties Ltd.	Genoa Bay.
George Jacques Developments Ltd.	Vernon.
Georgina Utilities (1969) Ltd.	Mayne Island.
Giscome Waterworks Ltd.	Giscome.
Godin, L. and J.	Surrey.
Gold, W. H.	Youbou.
Gravel Hill Supplies Ltd.	Cobble Hill.
Great West Agencies Ltd.	Delta.
Green Gables Waterworks Ltd.	Trail.
Gulf Industries Ltd.	North Pender Island.
H. & P. Holdings Ltd.	Ganges.
H.R. Ventures Ltd.	Lillooet.
Hanusz, T.	Osoyoos.
Hollywood Dell Estates Ltd.	Kelowna.
Inter-Island Utilities Ltd. (Gossip Island; Mount Parke Estates and Village Bay, Mayne Island)	Gossip and Mayne Islands.
Kawkawa Lake Sewage & Water Works	Hope.
Keekwillie Park Estates Ltd.	Kamloops.
Kelowna Developments Ltd.	Kelowna.
Ken Reid Construction Ltd.	Salmon Arm.
Kie Estates Ltd.	Vernon.
Klinger, E. L. and L. E. (Okanagan Landing Water System)	Vernon.
Kokanee Springs Development Ltd.	Crawford Bay.
Koksilah Utilities Company	Koksilah.
Kolosoff, J. A. and D.	Galiano Island.
Kopina Estate Ltd.	Qualicum Beach.
Kuhnlein, D. and L.	Salmon Arm.
Kunz, Robert (Sr.), estate of	Deroche.
Lambourn Holdings Ltd.	Cobble Hill.
Lasqueti Land Co. Ltd.	Lasqueti Island.
Lawrence, Fay W.	Chilliwack.
Luginbuehl, Fritz	Spuzzum.
McConnell, J. N. and Ross, H.	Ganges.
McKinley Landing Waterworks	Kelowna.
McLeod, Howard	Langley.
Makela, W.	Aldergrove.
March, C.	Honeymoon Bay.

(*b*) *Privately Owned Water Utilities*—Continued

Name of Utility	Location
Matheson Mortgage & Loans Ltd.	Saltspring Island.
Miller, (Mrs.) R. L.	Cobble Hill.
Money Bros. & Pedersen Ltd.	Saturna Island.
Montague Harbour Lands Ltd.	Galiano Island.
Moyie Water Co. Ltd.	Moyie.
Nakusp Development Ltd.	Nakusp.
Naumann, A. W.	Oliver.
Nesters Waterworks Ltd.	Alta Lake.
Nimpkish Indian Band	Alert Bay.
Nofield, (Mrs.) C. A.	Port Washington.
North Vesuvius Holdings Ltd.	Ganges.
Olsen, P.	Lake Cowichan.
100 Mile Water Utilities	100 Mile House.
Paris Enterprises Ltd.	Cobble Hill.
Parr Utilities Ltd.	Lake Windermere.
Philimore Point Water Co. Ltd.	Galiano Island.
Prentice, Gordon C.	Campbell River.
Prince George College Lands	Prince George.
R. & E. Enterprises Ltd.	Kelowna.
Ranch Point Utilities Ltd.	Parksville.
Reece, T. B. (Bryngwyn Waterworks)	Kelowna.
Reesor, James	Langley.
Reschke, Jacob S.	Hudson Hope.
Rivervale Water Co. Ltd.	Trail.
Rochester Homes Ltd.	Lake Erroc.
Sage Mesa Water & Public Service	Penticton.
Salt Spring Lands Ltd.	Ganges.
Sandy Hook Water Co. Ltd.	Sechelt.
Saratoga Utilities Ltd.	Scotch Creek.
Seed, R. C. (Seed Trepanier Water Utility)	Penticton.
Shanboolard Estates Ltd.	Kelowna.
Shellwood Properties Ltd.	Ganges.
Sheringham Estates Ltd.	Sooke.
Sherwood Waterworks Ltd.	Shawnigan Lake.
Ships Point Estate Ltd.	Nanaimo.
Shuswap Lake Utilities Ltd.	Vernon.
Shuswap Enterprises Ltd.	Sorrento.
Simmons, L. S. (Ridgewood Utility)	Montrose.
Skaha Lake Properties Ltd.	Kelowna.
Skana Investments Ltd.	Mayne Island.
Smith, O. P.	North Surrey
Southridge Holdings Ltd.	Langley.
Stella Maris Estates Ltd.	Powell River.
Strachan Point Estates Ltd.	Howe Sound.
Sulley Enterprises Ltd.	White Rock.
Sunnyset Development Ltd.	Mill Bay.
Sunnyside Utilities Ltd.	Kelowna.
Sunrise Valley Water Co. Ltd.	Barnhartvale.
Sutherland, G. L.	Nelson.
Sutton, F. N. (Lexington Subdivision)	Williams Lake.

(*b*) *Privately Owned Water Utilities*—Continued

Name of Utility	Location
Swaisland, John	Okanagan Mission.
Thompson Park Waterworks Co. Ltd.	Kamloops.
Thornhill Properties Ltd.	Terrace.
Thornhill Utilities Ltd.	Terrace.
Tongue Point Water Ltd.	Lantzville.
Tozer Construction Ltd.	Fanny Bay.
Tunstall Bay Water Works Ltd	Bowen Island.
Tuwanek Water Co. Ltd.	Sechelt.
Valley Ranches Ltd.	Kamloops.
Valley View Water Wells Ltd.	Mayne Island.
W.G. Developments Ltd.	Elko.
Walker Estates Ltd.	Kelowna.
West Bay Estates Ltd.	Nanaimo.
West Ganges Holdings Ltd.	Saltspring Island.
Westerlea Estates Ltd.	Parksville.
Whistler Mountain Waterworks Ltd.	Alta Lake.
White Rock Utilities Ltd.	White Rock.
Wiig Holdings Ltd.	Westbank.
Wise Island Water Co. (McCartney, C. A., and Evans, J. H.)	Wise Island.
Woodsdale Utilities Ltd.	Winfield.
Ymir Waterworks Co. Ltd.	Nelson.
Zaitsoff, W. R.	Aldergrove.
Zdralek, H. W. (Casa Loma Orchards)	Westbank.

CREMATORIA, PREARRANGED FUNERAL PLANS, AND CEMETERIES

CREMATORIA

Cremation Licences

The Commission granted a licence to operate a crematorium during 1970 to each of the crematorium operators listed below:

(*a*) The Board of Cemetery Trustees of Greater Victoria to operate the crematorium in Royal Oak Burial Park, Victoria.

(*b*) Fraserview Crematorium Limited to operate the crematorium in the municipal cemetery at Prince George.

(*c*) North Shore Crematorium Limited to operate the crematorium adjacent to the municipal cemetery on Lillooet Road, North Vancouver.

(*d*) Ocean View Development Limited to operate the crematorium in Ocean View Burial Park, Burnaby.

(*e*) Penticton Crematorium Limited to operate the crematorium adjacent to the municipal cemetery, Penticton.

(*f*) Vancouver Crematorium Limited to operate the crematorium in Mountain View Cemetery, Vancouver.

Establishment of Crematoria

The Commission received applications from the undermentioned companies for a certificate of public interest to establish a crematorium in or adjacent to Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery near Nanaimo:

(*a*) Island Crematoriums Limited.

(*b*) Nanaimo Crematorium Limited.

(*c*) Wildwood Crematorium Limited.

A public hearing in respect to these applications is scheduled for early in 1971.

The Commission was informed of a change in the name of the owner/operators of the crematorium at Paldi, near Duncan. This crematorium was established for the joint ownership and operation of the Paldi Khalsa Diwan Society and the Hillcrest Khalsa Diwan Society. The change in name affects the Hillcrest Khalsa Diwan Society, which now is known as the "Lake Cowichan Khasla Diwan Society."

The Commission provided information on the establishment of a crematorium to a number of persons inquiring in 1970.

Enlargement of Crematoria

The Commission granted permission to North Shore Crematorium Limited, North Vancouver, to install an additional cremation retort, as provided for under the terms of the certificate of public interest granted to the company in 1968.

The Crematorium Committee of the Port Alberni East Indian Community (consisting of members of the Port Alberni Khalsa Diwan Society and the Alberni Valley Gurdawara Society) applied to the Commission for a certificate of public interest to enlarge and renovate the building and seating area of the East Indian Crematorium near Port Alberni. Due to some technical matters requiring investigation and some local opposition to the enlargement, the case is under investigation. It is expected that a completed application will be ready for a decision in 1971.

General

An application was received from North Shore Crematorium Limited to file with the Commission as part of the Company's tariff a form of contract for the sale of cremation before need. The Commission indicated that changes to the wording of the form of contract submitted, particularly in regard to the terms of the regulations under the *Cemeteries Act* requiring funds received from such sales to be deposited with a trust company for investment, should be made before it could give formal consideration to the application. The matter is still under review by the company.

PREARRANGED FUNERAL PLANS

The Commission made a regulation in 1970 to provide for the orderly assignment of prearranged funeral plans and the trust funds involved from the seller of the plans to another company for performance of the service and delivery of the goods sold. Such assignment is sometimes needed when a business changes hands. The new regulation is Division 6 of the regulations under the *Prearranged Funeral Services Act*.

An application received from First Memorial Services Limited to file a form of prearranged funeral plan has been placed in abeyance at the request of the Company.

A proposed form of prearranged funeral plan submitted for filing by Loewen Holdings Limited, the owner of S. Bowell & Sons, Vancouver, has been returned to the company for revision. Resubmission is expected in 1971.

The trust accounts of approved and filed prearranged funeral plans were checked by the Commission's staff in 1970.

CEMETERIES

Establishment and Enlargement of Cemeteries

Eight applications for a certificate of public interest received prior to 1970 and three applications received during 1970 resulted in the Commission granting certificates of public interest to five applicants to establish or enlarge a cemetery, as shown in Table 1.

Of the six remaining applications, one was cancelled due to the site being unacceptable to the Health authorities. The other five applications are expected to be completed by the applicants and dealt with in 1971.

Permission was given for a burial on noncemetery land in a remote part of the Chilcotin area at Tatla Lake. Since this type of burial was the fourth of its kind in the area, the Commission requested the family to apply for a certificate of public interest to establish a cemetery at Tatla Lake. Survey of the proposed cemetery-site is expected in 1971.

Holy Trinity Parish, New Westminster, proposed the establishment of a Memorial Garden adjacent to the cathedral for the free burial of "ashes" in unmarked graves, with the name of the deceased being recorded in a special Memorial Book. This type of garden for public use and burial when desired may be regarded as a cemetery. It is expected that a request for a certificate of public interest will be made by the parish under minimum requirements in 1971.

Approved Burial Areas

In all cemeteries commercially operated or established under a certificate of public interest, no part of the cemetery may be used for burial until the area to be

used is approved by the Commission. In 1970 the Commission established by regulation approved burial areas in cemeteries, as set out in Table 2.

Valley View Memorial Gardens Limited applied to establish additional approved burial areas in its cemetery. The areas needed further work, resulting in rejection of the application. A revised application was made for a smaller fully developed area and is expected to be completed in 1971.

Cemetery Boards and Cemetery Trustees

A number of cemeteries on Crown land are operated by Cemetery Boards appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on recommendation of the Commission. A number of cemeteries not on Crown land may be owned and operated by groups of trustees elected according to the terms of the trust or appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council upon recommendation of the Commission. During 1970, three Cemetery Boards were established and 16 board members appointed, together with one trustee, as set out in Table 3.

Tranfers of Cemetery Ownership

The operation of cemeteries in small communities is often dealt with on a part-time volunteer basis by public-spirited persons. However, the increasing demand on cemetery facilities often requires full-time care and administration beyond the resources of the operators. A local municipality is sometimes willing to take over such a cemetery. The Commission does not discourage the transfer of cemetery ownership to any organization better equipped to deal with the cemetery operation, provided always that there is a genuine desire by all parties for such a change.

Four applications to transfer ownership of a cemetery were received in 1970 and resulted in permission being granted by the Commission to transfer the ownership of three cemeteries, as detailed in Table 4.

The Union of the Spiritual Communities of Christ, which operates the Doukhobor cemetery on Crown land at Brilliant, applied for transfer of the land ownership of this cemetery to themselves. Approval of this transfer was withheld due to technical matters relating to possible high-water conditions in the future. Should the situation change, the matter of transfer may be reopened at a later date.

Cemetery Rules and By-laws

In 1970 a number of municipalities and other cemetery operators, utilizing the Commission's specimen form of by-law as a guide, prepared by-laws for the operation of their cemeteries. Following examination of the by-laws, and after suggestions for revision in many cases, the Commission accepted for filing 19 municipal cemetery by-laws and three nonmunicipal cemetery by-laws, as shown in Table 5.

Cemetery Rates

During the year a number of cemetery operators submitted for the Commission's acceptance and filing their initial schedule of rates. Others submitted amendments to rates previously filed. The rate schedules and amendments to rates accepted by the Commission for filing in 1970 are shown in Table 6.

Valley View Memorial Gardens Limited applied for considerably increased rates for grave-space goods and services, entailing a complete revision of its tariff.

Further information from the Company on financial matters is awaited. It is expected that the application and a financial review to 1970 will be completed in 1971.

Cemetery Care and Maintenance Funds

During the year, work continued on the Care Fund accounts of Victory Memorial Gardens Limited. In addition, the operations of Greencrest Memorial Gardens Limited, Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens Limited, and Colwood Cemetery Company were examined in respect to their Care Funds.

Work was completed in 1970 on the Care Fund accounts of Forest Lawn Cemetery Company, Ocean View Burial Park Company, Ocean View Abbey (1928) Limited, and Valley View Memorial Gardens Limited. These accounts were then passed before the Supreme Court, as required by the regulations under the *Cemeteries Act.*

The Commission amended the Care Fund regulations for Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens Limited requiring the Fund to reach an amount equivalent to $8,000 per acre (of burial area developed and approved) before the Fund's earnings could be released to the company. Later, the company applied for permission to use the earnings of the Fund which then exceeded in size the amount required by the regulation. By order dated June 24, 1970, the Commission granted permission to the company to use the earnings of the Care Fund for maintenance of its cemetery.

Colwood Burial Park, near Victoria, came under the management of Colwood Improvement Company Limited in 1970. To bring this burial park into line with the adjoining cemeteries operated by the company, the Commission amended its regulations to require the company to set aside in the Care Fund the sum of $25 out of the purchase price of each plot it sells in the burial park.

The Village of Ashcroft operates and maintains an old, established cemetery which is nearly full. The number of burials per year is small, and under these conditions the need to establish a Care Fund according to the regulations under the *Cemeteries Act* was not warranted. Therefore, the Commission granted to the village in respect to this cemetery a permanent waiver of the Care Fund regulations, which was confirmed by Order in Council 2862, approved August 28, 1970.

A temporary waiver of part of the requirements of the Care Fund regulations for Colwood Cemetery Company, Greencrest Memorial Gardens Limited, and Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens Limited was continued in 1970 due to the situation of the companies concerned.

Upon the request of municipalities, the Commission carefully considered its regulation dealing with the investment of municipal cemetery Care Funds. As a result, the regulation was amended to permit municipalities wider scope for the safe investment of these funds.

During the year, various cemetery Care Fund allocations and investments were examined by the Commission's staff for compliance with regulations.

In recent years the need for continuous care of a cemetery has been recognized by cemetery operators. During 1970, seven Care Funds were established, as shown in Table 7.

Conversion and Renovation of Cemeteries

In cemeteries established years ago, graves were usually sold without perpetual care. Those responsible for the care of the graves passed away and many such graves became neglected. The owners of this type of cemetery are often faced with considerable expense in returning neglected graves to a reasonable condition and providing for their maintenance. Therefore, with the Commission's consent, they

seek ways to improve the appearance of the cemetery. One method of dealing with the problem is to convert the cemetery (or part of it) in stages to a lawn-type operation by removing curbs and cappings from the graves, grading the area, and laying the memorials in a horizontal position. The conversion to lawn creates a neat-appearing cemetery acceptable to faster maintenance techniques and often produces additional space for graves which is welcome in cemeteries fast becoming full. These spaces also provide an additional source of revenue.

During 1970 the Commission granted to the City of Vancouver permission to proceed with Renovation Projects 5 and 6 in the Jones I and II Sections of Mountain View Cemetery, covering approximately 22 acres. Both projects were advertised and all inquiries answered. Project 5, covering an area of 10 acres, was completed in 1970. Project 6, covering an area of approximately 12 acres, is expected to be completed in 1971.

Colwood Improvement Company Limited, the manager of Colwood Burial Park, an old cemetery at Colwood near Victoria, applied for permission to remove curbs and cappings from graves where the next-of-kin or interested party could not be found and no care was being given. The Commission approved the proposal and amended its previous Regulation 14.002 to permit Colwood Improvement Company Limited to carry out the removals under certain conditions and subject to the Commission's approval in each case. The amended regulation was approved by Order in Council 4149, December 15, 1970.

The City of Port Alberni applied to the Commission for permission to convert to a lawn-type operation its old, established Greenwood Cemetery. A proposed by-law to provide for the cemetery's conversion and operation was also submitted. The Commission required the city to advertise its proposal. It is expected that further work on the proposal will be needed in 1971.

Two old cemeteries no longer in use were the subject of investigation for the purpose of renovation. A private person interested in the old cemetery at Atlin was given information by the Commission for the purpose of a possible renovation, in co-operation with the local cemetery board, to preserve this old cemetery and its headboards. The Granby Mining Company Limited, in co-operation with local historical societies, indicated that it was willing to carry out some renovation on the old cemetery which once served the City of Phoenix, abandoned over 50 years ago. The Commission approved the proposal under certain conditions and provided information on the state of the cemetery and the layout of graves. A brief history of the site was given to the Parks Branch of the Department of Recreation and Conservation, who in turn provided information to the interested parties on the methods of preservation of headboards and headstones.

Closure of Cemeteries and Sale of Property

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Victoria noted in an application to the Commission for release of property previously approved for cemetery use in 1937 that the property had not been developed or used, no burials had been made, and the need for such a cemetery had long since ceased to exist. The Commission permitted release of the site for other use, and the original approval was rescinded by Order in Council 329, approved February 2, 1970.

The City of Dawson Creek, owner of the old Roman Catholic Cemetery at Dawson Creek, declared the cemetery closed to further burials. The Commission recognized the closure and set the conditions for maintenance of the cemetery by Regulation 17.014, approved by Order in Council 2863, August 28, 1970.

The City of Dawson Creek maintains the old Presbyterian Cemetery at Dawson Creek, owned by the Presbyterian Church Committee. The committee has ceased to exist and the city has declared the old cemetery closed to further burials. The Commission recognized the closure and the City of Dawson Creek as the administrator of this old cemetery and set the conditions for maintenance of the cemetery by Regulation 17.013, approved by Order in Council 2864, August 28, 1970.

The Commission consented to the sale of part of the unused portion of the old Chinese Cemetery at Kamloops, no longer needed for burials. The remainder of this cemetery is to be transferred to the Crown for the purpose of creating a local administration for its continued operation as a Chinese Cemetery.

Applications for disposal of part of the undeveloped land of Forest Lawn Cemetery Company, and the desire expressed by the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of Caledonia for disposal of the unused part of the Chilco Cemetery, are expected to be ready for decision in 1971.

General

During the year the Commission dealt with a number of complaints concerning burials, transfer of plot payment from one cemetery to another, encroachment of cemetery fences on private property, the condition of memorials, sales methods, refunds, exhumations, and caskets damaged upon exhumation. The Commission also dealt with inquiries concerning the establishment and operation of cemeteries, crematoria, and other matters. The complaints were resolved and permission was granted to six applicants to carry out an exhumation.

The principal shareholders of Colwood Burial Park Company are the owners of the grave spaces in the cemetery, and most of these shareholders are deceased. None of the remaining shareholders have made themselves available to form a management. To keep the area attractive, the task of management had been assumed by Colwood Improvement Company Limited, the operator of two adjacent lawn cemeteries. This company agreed to continue its management of the burial park, and its appointment as the authorized managing company was confirmed by order of the Commission dated December 7, 1970.

To replace the Supervisor appointed by the Commission in 1969 for General Services (Administrative) Limited, Greencrest Memorial Gardens Limited, Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens Limited, and Colwood Improvement Company Limited, the Commission appointed a Trustee-Administrator by order dated April 3, 1970.

Work on the annual review of the financial standing of various cemeteries was continued. A review of the financial standing of Valley View Memorial Gardens Limited up to 1970 was also continued and is expected to be completed in 1971.

The Commission ordered Victory Memorial Gardens Limited to have its accounts audited by a chartered accountant and to supply the Commission with an audited 1969 financial statement before October 31, 1970. Due to the Company's financial situation, it has been unable to comply with the order. However, at the instigation of the Commission a set of unaudited financial statements is currently being prepared.

General Services (Administrative) Limited, on behalf of cemeteries at Colwood, Nanaimo, and Kelowna, applied for amendment of the cemetery regulations which prohibits memorials on empty graves. The company wished to sell memorials to persons before their death and to install the memorial on an empty grave space also sold to the person before need. The Commission rejected the proposal.

The trustees of the company holding a mortgage on unused property owned by Victory Memorial Gardens Limited indicated a desire to realize on a portion of their investment. In addition, the manager of Victory Memorial Gardens Cemetery

made application to the Commission on his own behalf requesting, firstly, that the Commission permit him to purchase the cemetery from the present owners, Victory Memorial Gardens Limited; secondly, to grant him a certificate of public interest to establish a crematorium within the cemetery grounds; and, thirdly, to permit the cemetery operation, presently restricted to the use of veterans and their relatives, to be extended for use of the public generally. The situation is extremely complex and at year's end clarification was being sought on many aspects of the matter.

An apparently abandoned cemetery was discovered in Mount Robson Park. The Provincial Department of Recreation and Conservation agreed to fence and keep the cemetery in a neat and tidy condition.

The City of Vancouver made a renewed proposal to dispose of grave spaces (40-year lease tenure). Since the operating life of the present cemetery is insufficient for such a procedure, the city also inquired whether it could hold other land for future cemetery use. The city was informed of the mattters to be covered in its application for leasing graves and was notified that establishment of a cemetery is dependent upon obtaining a certificate of public interest from the Commission. No further submissions in this regard were made by the city in 1970.

In addition to other duties, the Commission's staff carried out inspections of established cemeteries and proposed cemetery-sites. Considerable work was done in clarifying matters connected with the ownership of land, and guidance was given to cemetery operators in the operation and maintenance of their cemeteries.

TABLES

TABLE 1—CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC INTEREST GRANTED BY THE COMMISSION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ENLARGEMENT OF CEMETERIES IN 1970

Recipient of Certificate	Particulars of Certificate	Date Certificate Granted	Date Certificate Approved
Burton Community Hall Association	Permits the Association to own and operate the cemetery at Burton, established on Lot 1, District Lot 7700, Kootenay District, Plan 3336, in the Vernon Assessment District (a previous certificate of public interest for this cemetery, granted in 1964 to the Burton Women's Institute, which disbanded in 1967, was cancelled in 1970 by Order in Council 1912, approved June 9, 1970)	June 3, 1970	June 9, 1970, by Order in Council 1913.
Bluff Lake Cemetery Board	Permits the Board to establish a cemetery on Crown land at Bluff Lake described as Lot 172, Range 2, Coast District, and reserved for cemetery use by Order in Council 1914, June 8, 1970	Aug. 10, 1970	August 18, 1970, by Order in Council 2699.
Corporation of the Village of Fort St. James	Permits the municipality to establish an enlargement of its cemetery at Fort St. James by addition of 2.35 acres in District Lot 3185, Range 5, Coast District, adjacent to the northeast and northwest boundaries of the cemetery, provided the municipality produces to the Commission evidence of title to the area of enlargement before March 31, 1971, or such later date as the Commission allows	Sept. 18, 1970	September 29, 1970, by Order in Council 3162.
Doig River Cemetery Board	Permits the Board to establish a cemetery for public use on Crown land about 30 miles northeast of Fort St. John described as Block A of the southeast quarter of Section 7, Township 88, Range 15, west of the 6th meridian, Peace River District, and reserved for cemetery use by Order in Council 3161, approved September 25, 1970	Oct. 7, 1970	October 20, 1970, by Order in Council 3470.
District of Mission	Permits the municipality to establish an enlargement of the municipal cemetery by addition of Parcel B (Reference Plan 3772) of the northeast quarter of Section 26, Township 17, District of Mission, New Westminster Land District	Nov. 12, 1970	November 23, 1970, by Order in Council 3781.

TABLE 2—APPROVED BURIAL AREAS ESTABLISHED IN CEMETERIES BY REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION IN 1970

Name of Cemetery	Operated by	Particulars of Approval
100 Mile House	Village of 100 Mile House	Additional approved burial area is established for Lots 39 to 45, inclusive, and Lots 8 to 14, inclusive, in Lot A, by Regulation 3.031 (*j*), as amended and approved by Order in Council 1559, May 7, 1970.
Burton Cemetery (new)	Burton Community Hall Association	A previously approved burial area is retained and reapproved for use by the new owner/operator under Regulation 3.031 (*e*), as amended and approved by Order in Council 2053, June 18, 1970.
Doig River Cemetery	Doig River Cemetery Board	Approved burial area is established for Lots 1 to 60, Block A; 1 to 138, Block B; 1 to 69, Block C; 1 to 98, Block D; and 1 to 102, Block E, by Regulation 3.031 (*r*), approved by Order in Council 3645, November 3, 1970.
Hudson Hope	District of Hudson's Hope	Approved burial area, replacing area originally approved, is established for Lots 1 to 3 and 18 to 20, inclusive, in each of rows A, B, C, and D of Block A in redesigned plot layout of cemetery by Regulation 3.031 (*k*), as amended and approved by Order in Council 4328, December 22, 1970.

TABLE 3—ESTABLISHMENT OF CEMETERY BOARDS, APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS, AND APPOINTMENT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES IN 1970

Name of Cemetery	Name of Board or Group of Trustees	Details
Horsefly Cemetery	Horsefly Cemetery Board	One member appointed to replace one member who resigned. Order in Council 131, approved January 20, 1970.
Black Creek Cemetery	Board of Trustees of Black Creek Cemetery	One trustee appointed to replace a trustee who died. Order in Council 1868, approved June 8, 1970.
Montney Cemetery	Montney Cemetery Board	One member appointed to bring Board up to strength. Order in Council 1869, approved June 8, 1970.
Bluff Lake Cemetery	Bluff Lake Cemetery Board	Board established for a new cemetery on reserved Crown land and three persons appointed as Board members. Order in Council 1914, approved June 9, 1970.
Fauquier Cemetery	Fauquier Cemetery Board	Board established for a new cemetery on reserved Crown land and five persons appointed as Board members. Order in Council 1915, approved June 9, 1970.
Barriere Cemetery	Barriere Cemetery Board	Two members appointed to replace a member who resigned and another who died. Order in Council 1986, approved June 17, 1970.
Fort Fraser Cemetery	Fort Fraser Cemetery Board	One member appointed to replace one member who died. Order in Council 2451, approved July 21, 1970.
Doig River Cemetery	Doig River Cemetery Board	Board established for a new cemetery on reserved Crown land and four persons appointed as Board members. Order in Council 3161, approved September 25, 1970.
Sayward Cemetery	Sayward Cemetery Board	One member appointed to replace one member who resigned. Order in Council 3921, approved November 27, 1970.

TABLE 4—TRANSFERS OF CEMETERY OWNERSHIP APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION IN 1970

Name of Cemetery	From	To	Remarks
Kitsumkalum Cemetery (old)	Kitsumkalum Cemetery Company	District of Terrace	Approved February 11, 1970, to provide for increased maintenance and administration.
Clayhurst Cemetery	Eric and Hilma Brekkaas	Triple "C" Sporting Club	Approved August 21, 1970, to provide for maintenance and administration by an established local organization.
Kamloops Chinese Cemetery	Daniel Poy Marr	Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of British Columbia	Approved November 27, 1970, to provide for maintenance and administration by a local organization.

TABLE 5—CEMETERY BY-LAWS AND RULES FILED BY THE COMMISSION IN 1970

Name of Cemetery Operator	By-law No.	Date Filed	Remarks
Village of Fruitvale	150	Jan. 14, 1970	Initial filing of by-law for cemetery operation.
City of Revelstoke	864	Jan. 19, 1970	By-law completely revised and brought up to date.
City of Vernon	1922	Jan. 19, 1970	By-law completely revised and brought up to date.
Town of Williams Lake	389	Feb. 6, 1970	By-law completely revised and brought up to date.
Village of Slocan	267	Mar. 13, 1970	By-law amended to include a former I.O.O.F. cemetery now owned by the village.
Township of Langley	1290	Apr. 3, 1970	Operation of three municipal cemeteries consolidated under By-law 1290.
Township of Langley	1291	Apr. 3, 1970	Repeals seven by-laws dealing with operation of Fort Langley and Murrayville Cemeteries.
City of Dawson Creek	1268	Apr. 3, 1970	By-law revised and updated.
Village of Salmon Arm	868	Apr. 3, 1970	Revised to permit cremated remains in small-sized plots.
District of Salmon Arm	915	Apr. 3, 1970	Revised to permit cremated remains in small-sized plots.
Barriere Cemetery Board	Amendment No. 1	May 20, 1970	Amended to require use of concrete grave-liners.
Village of Taylor	134	May 20, 1970	Initial filing of by-law for cemetery operation.
St. Michael and All Angels' Anglican Church, Chemainus	Rules	Aug. 5, 1970	Initial filing of rules for cemetery and Care Fund operation.
Township of Spallumcheen	724	Aug. 7, 1970	Provides for joint operation of cemetery with City of Armstrong.
Township of Spallumcheen	725	Aug. 7, 1970	Initial filing of by-laws for cemetery operation.
City of Armstrong	620	Aug. 7, 1970	Provides for joint operation of cemetery with Township of Spallumcheen.
City of Armstrong	621	Aug. 7, 1970	Initial filing of by-law for cemetery operation.
Village of Ashcroft	124	Aug. 21, 1970	Initial filing of by-law for cemetery operation.
Corporation of the Village of Oliver	189	Sept. 21, 1970	Initial filing of by-law for cemetery operation.
City of Kamloops	6-5	Oct. 2, 1970	By-law completely revised and brought up to date.
Village of Fraser Lake	40	Oct. 2, 1970	Initial filing of by-law for cemetery operation.

TABLE 6—CEMETERY RATES FILED BY THE COMMISSION IN 1970

Name of Operator	General Description of Rate Filed	Date Filed
Village of Fruitvale	Initial filing of a full schedule of rates	Jan. 14, 1970
Independent Order of Oddfellows, Chilliwack	Increase in rate for concrete grave-liner to meet increased costs	Jan. 16, 1970
City of Revelstoke	Initial filing of a rate for memorial installation and an increased rate for interment to meet increased costs	Jan. 19, 1970
City of Vernon	Initial filing of rates for the memorialization and concrete encasement of ashes	Jan. 19, 1970
Victory Memorial Gardens Ltd.	Increase in rates for granite memorial tablets to meet increased costs	Jan. 21, 1970
Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens Ltd.	Initial filing of rates for children's graves	Jan. 26, 1970
Colwood Cemetery Co.	Increase in rates for grave space, interment, exhumation, other services and goods, to meet costs	Jan. 26, 1970
Greencrest Memorial Gardens Ltd., Kelowna	Increase in rates for grave space, interment, exhumation, other services and goods, to meet costs	Jan. 26, 1970
Town of Williams Lake	Complete revision of rate schedule to meet increased costs	Feb. 6, 1970
Valley View Memorial Gardens Ltd.	Grave-space rate unchanged but extended to apply to all spaces in the Garden of the Old Rugged Cross	Feb. 23, 1970
The Board of Cemetery Trustees of Greater Victoria, Royal Oak Cemetery	*Increase in interment rates to meet increased costs*	Mar. 11, 1970
Valley View Memorial Gardens Ltd.	Grave-space rate unchanged but extended to apply to all spaces in the Garden of the Good Shepherd	Mar. 13, 1970
Township of Langley	Increase in rates for interment and concrete grave-liners to meet increased costs	Apr. 3, 1970
City of Dawson Creek	Complete revision of rate schedule to meet increased costs	Apr. 3, 1970
Village of Salmon Arm	Initial filing of grave-space rate for cremation ashes	Apr. 3, 1970
District of Salmon Arm	Initial filing of grave-space rate for cremation ashes	Apr. 3, 1970
Chilliwack Branch No. 4, Royal Canadian Legion	Increase in rates for concrete grave-liners to meet increased costs	May 20, 1970
Barriere Cemetery Board	Initial filing of rate for concrete grave-liner	May 20, 1970
Village of Taylor	Initial filing of a full schedule of rates	May 20, 1970
Eagle Bay Board of Cemetery Trustees	Increase in grave-space rate to meet increased costs	May 27, 1970
Victory Memorial Gardens Ltd.	Increase in rates for concrete grave-liner, and interment on holidays, week-ends, and after hours to meet increased costs	June 24, 1970[1]
St. Michael and All Angels' Anglican Church, Chemainus	Initial filing of a full schedule of rates	Aug. 5, 1970
City of Armstrong	Initial filing of a full schedule of rates	Aug. 7, 1970
Township of Spallumcheen	Initial filing of a full schedule of rates	Aug. 7, 1970
Village of Ashcroft	Initial filing of a full schedule of rates	Aug. 21,1970
Village of Oliver	Initial filing of a full schedule of rates	Sept. 21, 1970
Village of Fraser Lake	Initial filing of a full schedule of rates	Oct. 2, 1970
City of Kamloops	Increase in rates for grave space and interment to meet increased costs	Oct. 5, 1970
Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens Ltd.	Increase in rates for grave space, interment, exhumation, installation of memorials, other services and goods, to meet costs	Oct 21, 1970
Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens Ltd. (Alberni)	Increase in rates for grave space, interment, exhumation, installation of memorials, other services and goods, to meet costs	Oct 21, 1970
City of Enderby	Increase in rate for interment and concrete grave-liner to meet increased costs	Oct. 26, 1970
Village of Taylor	Initial filing of rate for interment of ashes	Nov. 18, 1970
Mennonite Hazelwood Cemetery Society, Matsqui	Increase in rates for concrete grave-liner to meet increased costs	Nov. 23, 1970

[1] Effective June 1, 1970.

TABLE 7—CEMETERY CARE AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS ESTABLISHED IN 1970

Name of Cemetery Operator	Details of Establishment
Village of Fruitvale	Cemetery Care Fund established by By-law 150, filed by the Commission January 14, 1970.
Village of Taylor	Cemetery Care Fund established by By-law 134, filed by the Commission May 20, 1970.
St. Michael and All Angels' Anglican Church Cemetery, Chemainus	Care Fund established under a declaration of trust filed by the Commission August 5, 1970.
City of Armstrong	Cemetery Care Fund established by By-law 621, filed by the Commission August 7, 1970.
Township of Spallumcheen	Cemetery Care Fund established by By-law 725, filed by the Commission August 7, 1970.
Corporation of the Village of Oliver	Cemetery Care Fund established by By-law 189, filed by the Commission September 21, 1970.
Village of Fraser Lake	Cemetery Care Fund established by By-law 40, filed by the Commission October 2, 1970.

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