

Staff Report for Decision

DATE OF MEETING December 3, 2018

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SUBJECT AMENDMENT TO RATES AND CHARGES FOR SANITARY SEWER

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To introduce "Sewer Regulation and Charge Amendment Bylaw 2018 No. 2496.31", and recommend for first, second and third readings. |

Recommendation

That:

1. "Sewer Regulation and Charge Amendment Bylaw 2018 No. 2496.31" (To set the 2019 rates for sanitary sewer) pass first reading;
2. "Sewer Regulation and Charge Amendment Bylaw 2018 No. 2496.31" pass second reading; and,
3. "Sewer Regulation and Charge Amendment Bylaw 2018 No. 2496.31" pass third reading.

BACKGROUND

At the Regular Meeting of Council held 2018-JAN-15, Council adopted the "Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw 2017 No. 7253", the Financial Plan for 2018 – 2022. The Plan proposed annual increases to the water and sewer rates that take effect on January 1st of each year. If the rate increases are delayed, then either higher rates are required or the City will not meet its revenue targets.

Sewer fees are proposed to increase by 4% in 2019 (\$5.20 per single family home). This will bring the annual cost for a single family home to \$135.18. This increase is required to fund long-term asset management plans for the City's sanitary sewer systems. |

OPTIONS

1. That:

1. "Sewer Regulation and Charge Amendment Bylaw 2018 No. 2496.31" (To set the 2019 rates for sanitary sewer) pass first reading;
2. "Sewer Regulation and Charge Amendment Bylaw 2018 No. 2496.31" pass second reading; and,
3. "Sewer Regulation and Charge Amendment Bylaw 2018 No. 2496.31" pass third reading.

- **Budget Implication:** The City will meet its revenue targets, including asset management initiatives.
 - **Strategic Priorities Implication:** Asset Management is a Council Priority.
2. That Council deny first three readings to “Sewer Regulation and Charge Amendment Bylaw 2018 No. 2496.31” (To set the 2019 rates for sanitary sewer).
- **Budget Implication:** The City will not meet its revenue targets.

SUMMARY POINTS

- The City’s Financial Plan includes an annual increase of 4% to sanitary sewer fees to provide for full cost recovery for the service including long-term asset management.
- This amounts to an annual increase of \$5.20 for a single family home (2019 = \$135.18, 2018 = \$129.98).

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: “Sewer Regulation and Charge Amendment Bylaw 2018 No. 2496.31”

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