

BYLAW 19899

To Amend Bylaw 17943 Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility, Amendment No. 3

RECOMMENDATION

That Utility Committee recommend to the December 10, 2021, City Council meeting:

That Bylaw 19899, be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To amend Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility Bylaw 17943 to reflect the new fees and charges effective January 1, 2022.

Readings

Bylaw 19899 is ready for three readings

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Report Summary

This report sets out a proposed revision and proposed increases in customer fees and charges for the Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility Bylaw effective January 1, 2022.

REPORT

At the November 28 to December 14, 2018 budget meeting, City Council approved the Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility Bylaw 17943, which establishes Blatchford Renewable Energy, outlines the requirements for properties to receive energy service through the utility, and sets the fees and charges for utility service. The current fees and charges included in Schedule B of Bylaw 17943 are based on the Blatchford Renewable Energy 2021 Annual Rate Filing, which City Council approved on December 9, 2020.

The proposed fees and charges included in Attachment 1 are based on the Financial and Corporate Services report FCS00807, Blatchford Renewable Energy 2022 Rate Filing and Fall 2021 Supplemental Budget Adjustment, intended to establish customer rates and fees effective January 1, 2022. The 2022 Annual Rate Filing recommends customer rates and infrastructure fees

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for 2022 be set based on the approved 2021 customer rates and infrastructure fees escalated by 2.7 percent.

A side-by-side comparison of the fees and charges approved for 2021 and proposed for 2022 as prescribed in Schedule B of Bylaw 17943 is provided in Attachment 2.

Section 36 of the Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility Bylaw 17943 allows the City to recover costs for the installation of energy transfer stations from owners. The proposed revision in Bylaw 19899 provides clarity that these energy transfer station costs include costs for design, construction and commissioning.

COMMUNITY INSIGHTS

Key stakeholders and the general public were engaged in the Blatchford development, including the concept of Blatchford Renewable Energy. Regular updates are provided to City Council's Energy Transition Climate Resilience Committee.

Budget/Financial Implications

Blatchford Renewable Energy fees and charges effective January 1, 2022, are reflected in FCS00807 - Blatchford Renewable Energy 2022 Rate Filing and Fall 2021 Supplemental Budget Adjustment , also presented at the December 9, 2021, Utility Committee meeting.

Legal Implications

City Council has the authority to amend Bylaw 17943, Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility, under section 7 (g) of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, through the powers to pass bylaws for public utilities and services provided by the municipality.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Bylaw 19899 - To Amend Bylaw 17943 Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility, Amendment No. 3
2. Blatchford Renewable Energy Side by Side Comparison of Fees and Charges

OTHERS REVIEWING THIS REPORT

- M. Plouffe, City Solicitor