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To Amend Bylaw 17943 Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility, Amendment No. 4

RECOMMENDATION

That Utility Committee recommend to City Council Budget:

That Bylaw 20312 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To amend Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility Bylaw 17943 to reflect the new fees and charges effective January 1, 2023.

Readings

Bylaw 20312 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, 2023.

REPORT

At the November 28 to December 14, 2018, City Council Budget meetings, 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 2022 Annual Rate Filing, which City Council approved at its November 30/December 1/8/10/14/15/17, 2021 meeting.

The proposed fees and charges included in Attachment 1 are based on the Financial and Corporate Services report FCS01479, Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility 2023-2026 Operating

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and Capital Budget and 2023 Annual Rate Filing, intended to establish customer rates and fees effective January 1, 2023.

A side by side comparison of Schedule B - Fees and Charges of Bylaw 17943 is provided in Attachment 2.

COMMUNITY INSIGHTS

Since the Blatchford redevelopment started in 2008, Administration has engaged in extensive discussions, public consultations, and expert analysis to inform the development of the community, including the concept of Blatchford Renewable Energy. Regular updates are provided to City Council's Energy Transition Climate Resilience Committee. 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, 2023, are reflected in FCS01479 - Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility 2023-2026 Operating and Capital Budget and 2023 Annual Rate Filing, also presented at the November 25, 2022, 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 20312 - To Amend Bylaw 17943 Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility, Amendment No. 4
2. Blatchford Renewable Energy Comparison of Schedule B - Fees and Charges

OTHERS REVIEWING THIS REPORT

- M. Plouffe, City Solicitor