

BYLAW 20638

To Amend Bylaw 19627 EPCOR Drainage and Wastewater Treatment Bylaw, Amendment No. 1

Recommendation

That Utility Committee recommend to City Council:

That Bylaw 20638 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To amend EPCOR Drainage and Wastewater Treatment Bylaw 19627 to reflect the changes to Schedule A and maintain drainage service stormwater rates while aligning with updated City zoning, effective January 1, 2024.

Readings

Bylaw 20638 is ready for three readings

A majority vote of City Council on all three readings is required for passage.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving to third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 20638 be considered for third reading”.

REPORT

The City of Edmonton’s Zoning Bylaw Renewal Initiative that is currently underway will include an overhaul of the existing set of zones. If approved by City Council (public hearing scheduled October 16, 2023), the City’s updated Edmonton Zoning Bylaw 20001 (City Zoning Bylaw 20001) is targeted for implementation January 2024. The City Zoning Bylaw 20001 will change the zoning of all properties within the corporate boundaries of Edmonton to the new zones. These zoning changes will affect EPCOR’s charges for stormwater utility service, which are based on zoning assigned to each premise as per Bylaw 19627 EPCOR Drainage and Waste Water Treatment Bylaw.

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This zoning change falls in the mid-cycle of EPCOR Water Service Inc.'s (EWSI) current 2022–2024 performance based regulation (PBR) term. EWSI relies on the City zoning to determine and calculate rates for its customers. EWSI proposes to manage the City's proposed zoning changes in order to ensure continuity in monthly billing for ratepayers. To avoid rate changes for existing services in the middle of a PBR term, EWSI is proposing a gradual transition to the new approved zones beginning January 1, 2024. For existing drainage services (premises incurring charges for services prior to January 1, 2024), EWSI is proposing to preserve the rate parameters approved for the 2022-2024 PBR term by maintaining existing zones and associated rates. For new drainage services (premises beginning to incur charges for drainage services on or after January 1, 2024), EWSI is proposing to apply the new zones which become effective January 1, 2024.

EPCOR has prepared a report explaining the proposed amendments to Schedule 1 of Bylaw 19627, and outlining the reasoning and expected impact of the changes, which is provided in Attachment 1.

Bylaw 20638 is included as Attachment 2. A redline version showing the changes being made to Schedule 1 of Bylaw 19627 is included as Attachment 3.

Community Insight

As this bylaw is required as a procedural change due to the City's updated zoning bylaw, public engagement was not conducted.

The Zoning Bylaw Renewal Initiative has been informed by extensive public engagement. Since 2018, the City has been hosting online and in-person engagement events and conversations to shape the potential changes. Details on what was heard during the engagement are included in Appendix 7 of the October 16, 2023 Urban Planning and Economy report, UPE02036, Charter Bylaw 20001.

Legal Implications

City Council has the authority to amend Bylaw 19627, EPCOR Drainage and Wastewater Treatment Bylaw, 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 or on behalf of the municipality.

Attachments

1. EPCOR Water Services Inc. Report re Amendment to EPCOR Drainage and Wastewater Treatment Bylaw 19627
2. Bylaw 20638
3. Revised Bylaw 19627 Schedule 1 Redline

Others Reviewing the Report

- M. Plouffe, City Solicitor and Chief People Officer