

BYLAW 20628 **To Amend Bylaw 17943 Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility,** **Amendment No. 5**

Recommendation

That Utility Committee recommend to City Council Budget:
That Bylaw 20628 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To amend Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility Bylaw 17943 Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility Bylaw to reflect the new fees and charges, effective January 1, 2024.

Readings

Bylaw 20628 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 third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 20628 be considered for third reading.”

REPORT

At the November 28 - December 14, 2018, City Council - Budget meetings, City Council approved the Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility Bylaw 17943, which established Blatchford Renewable Energy, outlined the requirements for properties to receive energy service through the utility and set 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 2023 Annual Rate Filing, which City Council approved during the November 30, December 1/2/7/9/12/13/14/16, 2022, City Council - Budget meetings.

The proposed fees and charges included in Attachment 1 are based on the Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02051, Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility 2024 Rate Filing and Fall 2023 Supplemental Budget Adjustment, intended to establish customer rates and fees effective January 1, 2024.

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

Community Insight

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 the City Council's Energy Transition Climate Resilience Committee. Key stakeholders and the general public were engaged in the Blatchford development, including Blatchford Renewable Energy, as a municipally owned utility. Blatchford Renewable Energy customers will be notified of the proposed rate changes through the community's resident newsletter.

Budget/Financial Implications

Blatchford Renewable Energy fees and charges effective January 1, 2024, are reflected in the Financial and Corporate Services report FCS2051, Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility 2024 Rate Filing and Fall 2023 Supplemental Budget Adjustment, also presented at the November 3, 2023 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 20628 - Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility Bylaw, Amendment No. 5
2. Blatchford Renewable Energy Comparison of Schedule B - Fees and Charges

Others Reviewing the Report

- M. Plouffe, City Solicitor and Chief People Officer