

BYLAW 20962

To Amend Bylaw 17943 Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility, Amendment No. 6

Recommendation

That Utility Committee recommend to City Council - Budget:

That Bylaw 20962 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

To amend Bylaw 17943 Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility to reflect the new fees and charges, effective January 1, 2025, as well as ancillary revisions to better reflect multi-unit lot servicing.

Readings

Bylaw 20962 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 20962 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 2024 Annual Rate filing, which City Council approved during the November 21/22/27/28/29, 2023, City Council - Budget meeting.

The proposed fees and charges included in Bylaw 20962 are based on the Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02679, Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility 2025 Rate filing and Fall

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2024 Supplemental Budget Adjustment, intended to establish customer fees and charges effective January 1, 2025.

Revisions are proposed to the definition of “delivery point” as well as building owner obligations relating to piping that is not part of a building mechanical system or the service connection which better reflect servicing for multi-unit lots.

A side-by-side comparison of the revisions to the Blatchford Renewable Energy Bylaw is included in Attachment 2, in lieu of a redline version.

Community Insight

Since 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 Energy Transition Climate Resilience Committee. Key stakeholders and the general public were engaged in the Blatchford development, including Blatchford Renewable Energy, 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, 2025, are reflected in the Financial and Corporate Services report FCS02679, Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility 2025 Rate Filing and Fall 2024 Supplemental Budget Adjustment, also presented at the November 8, 2024, Utility Committee meeting.

Legal Implications

City Council has the authority to amend Bylaw 17943, Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility, under section 7 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 20962 - To Amend Bylaw 17943 Blatchford Renewable energy Utility, Amendment No. 6
2. Blatchford Renewable Energy Bylaw Comparison

Others Reviewing the Report

- M. Plouffe, City Solicitor