

Bylaw 16278

Sewers Use Bylaw 9675, Amendment No. 30

Purpose

To amend Sewers Use Bylaw 9675 as it proposes new rates for the operation of the Sanitary and Stormwater Utilities

Readings

Bylaw 16278 is ready for three readings

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree "That Bylaw 16278 be considered for third reading."

Advertising and Signing

Advertising is not required.

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Report Summary

This Bylaw provides for a Sanitary Drainage rate increase of \$1.00 per month for the average residential customer, and a Stormwater rate increase of \$0.72 per month for the typical residential customer. The Bylaw is to take effect January 1, 2013.

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the September 12, 2012 City Council meeting, City Council approved implementation of a new Sanitary Utility rate structure to address cross subsidization between user classes, and improve revenue stability, beginning January 1, 2013.

Report

- In accordance with the City of Edmonton's Utility Fiscal Policy, the Sanitary and Stormwater Utilities are required to generate revenues to recover their operating and financial costs, as well as to provide adequate funding for current and future maintenance, rehabilitation, growth and environmental protection.
- The sewer rates proposed in this Bylaw are those that will be considered by City Council in their review of the 2013 Drainage Service Budget.

Policy

- Sections 33 to 44 of the *Municipal Government Act*
- Utility Fiscal Policy (C304C)

Corporate Outcomes

The Way Ahead, Edmonton's Strategic Plan 2009 – 2018:

- Ensure Edmonton's Financial Sustainability:
 - The City has well managed sustainable assets and services.
 - The City has a resilient financial position.
 - The City has balanced revenue streams that are sustainable.
- Transform Edmonton's Urban Form:
 - Edmonton has sustainable infrastructure that fosters and supports civic and community needs.
- Improve Edmonton's Livability:
 - Safe and clean City
- Preserve and Sustain Edmonton's environment:
 - The impact of City operations on air, land and water systems is minimized.
 - Edmonton strives to be a leader in environmental advocacy,

stewardship, preservation and conservation.

Budget/Financial Implications

Revenue from the proposed rate increases to the Sanitary and Stormwater Utilities is necessary for the upgrading, renewal and expansion of existing drainage assets infrastructure, as well as for increased operational demands as described in the proposed 2013 Drainage Services Operating Budget.

Fees support wastewater and stormwater services, environmental services, flood prevention, public education, sewer maintenance, stormwater management among others.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 16278
2. Summary of Proposed Amendments

Others Reviewing this Report

- D. H. Edey, General Manager, Corporate Services