

Bylaw 15924

Sewers Use Bylaw 9675
Amendment No. 28

Purpose

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

Readings

Bylaw 15924 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 15924 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 \$4.77 per month for the average residential customer, and a Stormwater rate increase of \$1.46 per month for the average residential customer. The Bylaw is to take effect January 1, 2012.

Report

- This Bylaw does not include a rate increase for EPCOR's Wastewater Treatment portion as EPCOR is in the process of finalizing their rates based on their Performance Based Rates process.
- EPCOR is scheduled to present its new Water Services and Wastewater Treatment Bylaw (Bylaw 15816) to

City Council on October 26, 2012. Pending City Council approval, these rates will be effective April 1, 2012. At that time, the Sanitary and Stormwater Utilities will also prepare an update to Bylaw 15924 to remove EPCOR's Wastewater Treatment portion.

- 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 2012 Drainage Services Budget.

Policy

- Sections 33 to 44 of the *Municipal Government Act*
- Utility Fiscal Policy (C304B)

Corporate Outcomes

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

- Ensure Edmonton's Financial Sustainability:
 - The City has well managed and 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 2012 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 15924
2. Summary of Proposed Amendments

Others Reviewing this Report

L. Rosen, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

