

Bylaw 19494

To Amend Bylaw 17943 Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility, Amendment No. 2

Purpose

To amend Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility Bylaw 17943 to reflect the new fees and charges effective January 1, 2021.

Readings

Bylaw 19494 is ready for three readings.

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the December 4, 2020, Utility Committee meeting, Bylaw 19494 was forwarded to City Council for the appropriate readings.

Report Summary

This report sets out the proposed increases in customer fees and charges for Blatchford Renewable Energy effective January 1, 2021.

Report

In December 2018, City Council approved the Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility Bylaw 17943, which establishes Blatchford Renewable Energy, outlines the requirements for properties to receive energy service through the utility, and sets 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 2020 Annual Rate Filing, which City Council approved on November 26, 2019.

The 2021 Annual Rate Filing to establish customer rates and fees effective January 1, 2021, for Blatchford Renewable Energy is provided in the December 4, 2020, Financial and Corporate Services report FCS00126. The 2021 Annual Rate Filing recommends

customer rates and infrastructure fees for 2021 be set based on the approved 2020 customer rates and infrastructure fees escalated by 2.7 percent.

A side-by-side comparison of the fees and charges approved for 2020 and proposed for 2021 as prescribed in Schedule B of Bylaw 17943 is provided in Attachment 2.

Corporate Outcomes and Performance Management

Corporate Outcome(s): Edmonton is an environmentally sustainable and resilient city			
Outcome(s)	Measure(s)	Result(s)	Target(s)
Edmonton is an environmentally sustainable and resilient city	Community greenhouse gas emissions (million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents)	18.73 (2018)	11.0 by 2035 (35 percent below 2005 levels by 2035)
Corporate Outcome(s): The City of Edmonton has a resilient financial position			
Outcome(s)	Measure(s)	Result(s)	Target(s)
The City of Edmonton has a resilient financial position	Customer rates generate sufficient revenue to recover the annual cost (revenue requirement) to operate the Utility and begin to recover the under-recovery of costs under the levelized approach in the early years.	Operating loss: 2019 actual = \$(0.8) million 2020 forecast = \$(1.0) million	Operating profit projected to begin in 2025

Public Engagement

Public engagement was not undertaken for this bylaw amendment as annual adjustments to billing fees and charges are standard operational practice for Blatchford Renewable Energy.

Budget/Financial Implications

Blatchford Renewable Energy fees and charges effective January 1, 2021, are reflected in the 2021 Annual Rate Filing (Financial and Corporate Services report FCS00126).

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 19494 - To Amend Bylaw 17943 Blatchford Renewable Energy Utility, Amendment No. 2
2. Blatchford Renewable Energy Fees and Charges - Side by Side Comparison

Others Reviewing this Report

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