

Sanitary Sewer Charge Exemption – Heritage Estates Condo Corporation

ISSUE

The Heritage Estates Condo Corporation, located at 415 Heritage Crescent, has requested a sanitary sewer charge exemption for one water service meter that is dedicated to their landscaping irrigation system. This water service would be considered a dedicated water service connection that does not return to the sanitary sewer system.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

1. That the request for a sanitary sewer charge exemption for the Heritage Estates Condo Corporation, located at 415 Heritage Crescent, be approved; and
2. That the Director of Corporate Revenue be requested to remove the sanitary sewer charge from water meter number 60068142, effective July 13, 2021.

BACKGROUND

Customers that have a dedicated water service connection to provide water that does not return to the sanitary sewer system may apply for a sanitary sewer charge exemption, as per Bylaw No. 9466, The Sewage Use Bylaw, 2017, which states:

“Adjustment for Water Not Discharged to Sanitary Sewer System

60. (1) If a substantial portion of the water purchased by a person is not discharged to the sanitary sewer system, the person may apply to the City for an appropriate adjustment in the sewer service charge.”

The City of Saskatoon has approved sanitary sewer charge exemptions for customers who have a dedicated water service connection that does not return to the sanitary sewer system. This is confirmed by Saskatoon Water Meter Shop staff through an onsite visit.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

On January 21, 2021, Mr. Pat Wallace contacted the Saskatoon Water Meter Shop staff to inquire about a sanitary sewer charge exemption for a water service meter that is used exclusively for landscape irrigation at 415 Heritage Cres. A site visit from the staff confirmed this meter would be eligible for the exemption pending some plumbing work. Once this work was completed, another site visit was undertaken, and it was confirmed that this meter is now used exclusively for irrigation purposes.

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The request for a sanitary sewer charge exemption from the Heritage Estates Condo Corporation complies with Bylaw No. 9466, The Sewage Use Bylaw, 2017, section regarding “Adjustment for Water Not Discharged to Sanitary Sewer System”. This recommendation recognizes previous approvals for sanitary sewer charge exemptions that have been passed by City Council.

IMPLICATIONS

There will be a minimal impact on the wastewater revenue. There are no legal, social, or environmental implications identified.

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval, the sanitary sewer charge exemption will be effective July 13, 2021.

Report Approval

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Reviewed by: Carlos Bustos, Utility Revenue Services Manager
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Approved by: Angela Gardiner, General Manager, Utilities and Environment

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