

Proposed 2024 and 2025 Rate and Fee Increases

ISSUE

This report submits 16 bylaws (“Bylaws”) for City Council’s consideration. The Bylaws implement rate and fee increases that City Council approved for 2024 and 2025.

Rate and fee increases relating to *The Traffic Bylaw*, Woodlawn Cemetery and the carbon tax are addressed in separate reports.

This report additionally submits amendments to Council Policy C09-004: *Condominium Approvals* to ensure this policy is consistent with the fees set out in *The Development Applications Fee Bylaw, 2020*.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That City Council consider:

- (1) Bylaw No. 9934, *The Development Applications Fee Amendment Bylaw, 2023*;
- (2) Bylaw No. 9935, *The Plumbing Permits Amendment Bylaw, 2023*;
- (3) Bylaw No. 9936, *The Building Amendment Bylaw, 2023*;
- (4) Bylaw No. 9937, *The Private Swimming Pools Amendment Bylaw, 2023*;
- (5) Bylaw No. 9938, *The Adult Services Licensing Amendment Bylaw, 2023*;
- (6) Bylaw No. 9939, *The Business Licence Amendment Bylaw, 2023*;
- (7) Bylaw No. 9940, *The Cannabis Business Licence Amendment Bylaw, 2023*;
- (8) Bylaw No. 9941, *The Vehicles for Hire Amendment Bylaw, 2023 (No. 4)*;
- (9) Bylaw No. 9943, *The Impounding Amendment Bylaw, 2023 (No. 2)*;
- (10) Bylaw No. 9944, *The Animal Control Amendment Bylaw, 2023 (No. 3)*;
- (11) Bylaw No. 9945, *The Dangerous Animals Amendment Bylaw, 2023 (No. 3)*;
- (12) Bylaw No. 9948, *The Waterworks Amendment Bylaw, 2023 (No. 2)*;
- (13) Bylaw No. 9949, *The Sewer Use Amendment Bylaw, 2023 (No. 2)*;
- (14) Bylaw No. 9951, *The Discounts and Penalties Amendment Bylaw, 2023*;
- (15) Bylaw No. 9952, *The Assessment and Tax Certificates and Searches Amendment Bylaw, 2023*; and
- (16) Bylaw No. 9953, *The Waste Amendment Bylaw, 2023 (No. 3)*; and

2. That City Council instruct the City Clerk to make the necessary amendments to Council Policy C09-004: *Condominium Approvals*.

BACKGROUND

At the [2024/25 Preliminary Corporate Business Plan and Budget meetings](#) held on November 28, 29, 30 and December 1, 2023, City Council received reports of the Chief Financial Officer requesting approval to establish rates and fees and resolved in part:

- That the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the appropriate amendments to Bylaw No. 9724, *The Development Applications Fee Bylaw, 2020*;

- That the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the appropriate amendments to the portable sign licence application fee and the permanent sign permit fees, as outlined in Appendix 6, relating to Bylaw No. 9724, *The Development Applications Fee Bylaw, 2020*, and as included in the proposed 2024 and 2025 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget;
- That the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the appropriate amendments to Bylaw No. 9455, *The Building Bylaw, 2017*; Bylaw No. 6583, *The Plumbing Permits Bylaw, 1985*; and Bylaw No. 7981, *The Private Swimming Pools Bylaw, 2000*;
- That the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the appropriate bylaw amendments to facilitate the licence application fees, as outlined in Appendix 5, relating to Bylaw No. 9011, *The Adult Services Licensing Bylaw, 2012*; Bylaw No. 9525, *The Cannabis Business Licence Bylaw, 2018*; Bylaw No. 9651, *The Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, 2019*; and Bylaw No. 9746, *The Business Licence Bylaw, 2021*;
- That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare appropriate amendments to Bylaw No. 8640, *The Impounding Bylaw, 2007*;
- That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 7860, *The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999* and Bylaw No. 8176, *The Dangerous Animals Bylaw, 2003*;
- That the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the appropriate amendments to Bylaw No. 7567, *The Waterworks Bylaw, 1996*, and Bylaw No. 9466, *The Sewer Use Bylaw, 2017*;
- That the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the appropriate amendments to Bylaw No. 9844, *The Waste Bylaw, 2022*.

City Council additionally passed resolutions to increase the City's property tax penalty rates and the costs of tax certificates and tax or assessment searches; these resolutions necessitate amendments to Bylaw No. 6673, *The Discounts and Penalties Bylaw, 1987* and Bylaw No. 8103, *The Assessment and Tax Certificates and Searches Bylaw, 2002*.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

In accordance with City Council's instructions, we are pleased to submit the Bylaws for City Council's consideration.

The following additional amendments have been made:

- *The Animal Control Bylaw, 1999* has been amended to update the poundkeeper from the Saskatoon Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Inc. to the Saskatoon Animal Control Agency; modernize the definition section; and remove gender specific language.

- Minor housekeeping changes have been made to *The Sewer Use Bylaw, 2017* and *The Waterworks Bylaw, 1996* for the purposes of simplifying and modernizing language. *The Waterworks Bylaw, 1996* has additionally been amended to update names of divisions to align with the City's current corporate structure.
- *The Waste Bylaw, 2022* has been amended to prohibit the handling of waste containers placed on the right-of-way without the authorization of the City or the owner or occupant of the property to which the waste container is assigned; this prohibition is an expansion of the existing prohibition against disposing of waste in another person's waste container without authorization.

During final reviews, the following two errors in the rates set out in reports submitted to City Council were identified:

- *The Sewer Use Bylaw, 2017*: the 2025 sewer commercial volumetric charge was listed as \$3.311 per 100 cubic feet (the 2023 rate) in the report, rather than \$3.386 as intended. The \$3.386 rate for 2025 mirrors the rate of \$3.386 that City Council approved for 2024. *The Sewer Use Amendment Bylaw, 2023 (No. 2)* includes the intended \$3.386 rate for 2025 (converted to \$1.196 per 1 cubic metre).
- *The Building Bylaw, 2017*: the rates for garage/accessory buildings in the "Apartments" section of the fee schedule were listed as \$0.14 for 2024 and \$0.15 for 2025, rather than the intended \$0.33 and \$0.34, respectively. The rates of \$0.33 and \$0.34 reflect the rates that were shared with the industry. *The Building Amendment Bylaw, 2023* includes the intended rates of \$0.33 for 2024 and \$0.34 for 2025.

Attached as Appendix 17 are proposed amendments to Council Policy No. C09-004: *Condominium Approvals*. To ensure consistency with *The Development Applications Fee Bylaw, 2020*, fees in this policy have been repealed and replaced with a general statement that the fees in the bylaw apply. The opportunity was also taken to make minor housekeeping amendments to this policy, including updating the names of legislation and department names and removing gender specific language.

APPENDICES:

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17. Revised Council Policy No. C09-004: *Condominium Approvals*.

Report Approval

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