



STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, UTILITIES AND CORPORATE SERVICES

Bylaw No. 2685, the Electric Light and Power Bylaw, 1940 – Schedule of Fees Review

Recommendation of the Committee

1. That the proposed schedule of fees be approved; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required amendments to Bylaw No. 2685, the Electric Light and Power Bylaw, 1940, as outlined in the August 6, 2024, report of the Utilities and Environment Division.

History

The Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services, at its meeting held on August 6, 2024, considered a report of the Utilities and Environment Division regarding the above.

In addition to the recommendations put forward above, the Committee further resolved that Administration attach additional information about the affordability review underway and if utilities are covered under that review. The additional information requested is as follows:

“In 2020, City Council approved funding for a partnership with SaskPower for an Energy Assistance Program to provide energy efficiency education and free installation of energy and water saving measures for low-income residents. While uptake was low in the first few years of the pilot, in the past year over 700 Saskatoon residents participated in the program saving families on average approximately \$160 annually. SaskPower has since received federal funding to support the program for all residents in Saskatchewan.”

The impact of utility-related costs for families will also be considered as part of the Universal Low Income Subsidization review in terms of measuring household expenditure and the various impacts they have. However, the review is currently aimed at providing options for civic programs that are already partially subsidized such as transit, leisure, along with waste utility fees per Council’s previous direction. At this time, utility rates for water and electricity are not being considered for subsidization since they are primarily cost recovered and used to manage consumption of resources. A report of the Universal Low Income Subsidization program is expected in 2025.”



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Attachment

August 6, 2024 report of the Utilities and Environment Division.