Minute No. 334
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – April 16, 2013

Item No. 1 Amendment to the Sewer By-Law No. 92/2010 to Recover the Cost to Treat Wastewater from Grease Interceptors

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and adopted the following:

1. That Council enacts an amendment to the Sewer By-law (Attachment A) that enables the Water and Waste Department to recover the cost to treat wastewater from grease interceptors effective January 1, 2014.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Vandal,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 17, 2013, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 16, 2013, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Issue: **AMENDMENT TO THE SEWER BY-LAW 92/2010 TO RECOVER THE COST TO TREAT WASTEWATER FROM GREASE INTERCEPTORS**

Critical Path: **The Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works –Executive Policy Committee - Council**

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council enacts an amendment to the Sewer By-law (attached as Attachment A) that enables the Water and Waste Department to recover the cost to treat wastewater from grease interceptors effective January 1, 2014.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

An amendment to the Sewer By-law 92/2010, to remove the food services establishment exemption for the non-household hauled wastewater fee, requires Council approval.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Food services establishments are presently exempt from the non-household hauled wastewater fee under the Sewer By-law. We are proposing that the exemption be removed. Minor by-law wording changes are required to section 71 of the Sewer By-law to allow the Department to charge the non-household hauled wastewater fee for grease interceptors.

Charging the non-household hauled wastewater fee for grease interceptors is necessary to more fully recover the cost of treating hauled wastewater from grease interceptors and is in-line with the Department's user pay philosophy. Winnipeg residents paying a water/sewer bill are currently subsidizing the balance of the cost of treating hauled wastewater from grease interceptors. An establishment with a 150 L grease interceptor that is cleaned on a monthly basis can expect to pay $13.00 a year for the non-household hauled wastewater fee.

HISTORY

The current Sewer By-law 92/2010 was approved by City Council in 2010. Several minor administrative adjustments have been approved by Council since that time.

A grease interceptor (or grease trap) is a plumbing device that collects grease and prevents it from going down the drain. A grease interceptor prevents fat, oil and grease from reaching the sewer and can help prevent sewer blockages. The City of Winnipeg Sewer By-law requires that all commercial, institutional, and food service preparation operations have grease interceptors. There are approximately 2000 grease interceptors installed in food service establishments in the city.

Wastewater from grease interceptors is very concentrated and costly to treat. Approximately 1700 loads of wastewater from grease interceptors are brought to City facilities each year by wastewater haulers. These loads are from approximately 730 different establishments. Not all establishments use wastewater haulers to clean out their grease interceptor. Other cleaning methods include: removal by a grease removal company for recycling, self cleaning to a used oil bin, and self cleaning to the garbage.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement **Date:**

Project Name:

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COMMENTS:

The incremental revenues are immaterial as are the incremental costs. As a result, there is no financial impact associated with the recommendation in this report.

"Original signed by L. Szkwarek, for"
Moira L. Geer, C. A.
Manager of Finance and Administration

CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there was consultation with:
Legal Services Department

SUBMITTED BY

Water and Waste Department
Environmental Standards Division
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Date: February 21, 2013
File No. 020-11-01-29-00

APPENDIX A

A By-law of the City of Winnipeg to Amend The Sewer By-law 92/2010
THE CITY OF WINNIPEG

BY-LAW NO. .

A By-law of THE CITY OF WINNIPEG to amend section 71 of the Sewer By-law.

THE CITY OF WINNIPEG, in Council assembled, enacts as follows:

Section 71 of Sewer By-law amended

1 Section 71 of the Sewer By-law No. 92/2010 is amended

(a) in subsection (2), by striking out *"Subject to subsection (3),"* and *"or wastewater from a food service establishment"*; and

(b) in subsection (3), by striking out *"and wastewater from a food service establishment,"*.

DONE AND PASSED, this day of , 2013.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Approved as to content:

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Director of Water and Waste

Approved as to form:

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For Director of Legal Services/City Solicit