Minute No. 262
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment – March 1, 2018

Item No. 1 Amendment to Sewer By-Law No. 92/2010 to Permit Connection Charges to be collected in the Same Way as Local Improvement Taxes

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment and adopted the following:

1. That Council enact amendments to the Sewer By-law (draft by-law is attached as Appendix "A") to permit the amortization of wastewater sewer connection charges by adding these charges to the property taxes payable in respect of the property being required to connect to the wastewater sewer, to be collected in the same manner as local improvement taxes.

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 Mayes,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 14, 2018, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 1, 2018, the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: **AMENDMENT TO SEWER BY-LAW NO. 92/2010 TO PERMIT CONNECTION CHARGES BE COLLECTED IN THE SAME WAY AS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT TAXES**

Critical Path: **Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment - Executive Policy Committee - Council**

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed amendment to the Sewer By-law will allow wastewater sewer connection charges to be collected and paid in the same way as local improvement taxes. This amendment will provide property owners the option to have the sewer connection charges amortized instead of a paying lump sum payment at the time of connecting to the sewer. This amendment aligns the Sewer By-law with the payment alternative for water main connection charges within the Water By-law.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Council enact amendments to the Sewer By-law (draft by-law is attached as Appendix "A") to permit the amortization of wastewater sewer connection charges by adding these charges to the property taxes payable in respect of the property being required to connect to the wastewater sewer, to be collected in the same manner as local improvement taxes.

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

REASON FOR THE REPORT

By-law amendments require Council Approval.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The amendment to the Sewer By-law to permit connections charges is collected in the same way as local improvement taxes will:

- allow the property owner an option to have the sewer connection charges amortized instead of paying a lump sum payment at the time of connecting to the sewer; and
- align payment options for the property owner with the Water By-law.

HISTORY / DISCUSSION

The existing Sewer By-law No. 92/2010 was enacted by Council in 2010. The current Water By-law No. 107/2015 was enacted by Council in 2015 and came into effect on January 01, 2016.

The Water By-law allows for the collection of water main connection charges in the same manner as local improvement taxes. The current Sewer By-law does not include this provision for wastewater sewer connection charges. Currently a property owner is required to pay a lump sum at the time of connecting to the wastewater sewer. Connection charges are costly and property owners have requested that payment of wastewater sewer connection charges be consistent with payment of water main connection charges.

This By-law amendment would allow property owners to amortize the connection fee for connections to the sewer main which is required by Section 8.1 (1) of the Province of Manitoba Onsite Wastewater Management Systems Regulation 83/2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement Date: 15-Jan-2018

Project Name:

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COMMENTS:

There is no financial imact associated with this recommendation.

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CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there was consultation with:

Internal: Legal Services, as to legal issues

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

OurWinnipeg Reference:

Sustainable Water and Waste Directional Strategy – 04 Wastewater System

SUBMITTED BY

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Appendix A – Draft Amending By-law