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Large Water Meter Rates Staff Report to Council

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Recommendations

1. That the report entitled Large Water Meter Rates Staff Report dated February 3, 2020 be received; and,
2. That the 2020 monthly fees for Large Water Meters as referenced in the report come into effect immediately;
3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Executive Summary

See below.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information regarding the proposed addition of inclusion of 6", 8" and 10" water meters into the Water and Wastewater Fees and Charges schedule.

Background

Based on the Service Pricing Policy, water and wastewater rates are categorized as Consumer Goods. The categorization establishes a cost recovery target level of 100% to recover the full cost of providing the service to the municipality; also, Ontario's Water Opportunities Act, 2010 requires a municipal water sustainability plan.

Discussion

Schedule A of Report 2019-125 dated November 25, 2019 provides details of the volumetric rates associated with water and wastewater up to and including 4-inch diameter meters. Historically, larger diameter meters have been utilized for high volume commercial and industrial customers. The American Water Works Association (AWWA) has established the methodology to use for larger meters. This report extends that methodology to larger meters that are now being installed.

As the Town increases its multi-residential footprint, the use of large diameter meters is growing. As such, the costs to utilize these meters should be applied accordingly.

Conclusion

The 2020 Water and Wastewater Rates to include the following:

6" Meter Monthly Charge (Water) = \$859.00

6" Meter Monthly Charge (Wastewater) = \$912.00

8" Meter Monthly Charge (Water) = \$1,375.00

8" Meter Monthly Charge (Wastewater) = \$1,460.00

10" Meter Monthly Charge (Water) = \$1,976.00

10" Meter Monthly Charge (Wastewater) = \$2,099.00

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

This report links to Council's Strategic Priority of Long-term Financial Sustainability by ensuring ongoing continuous improvement and a service level analysis for consideration.

Consultation

Public Works Services; Water/Wastewater Management staff have been consulted; the Town of Newmarket is committed to the consistent delivery of safe drinking water through compliance with applicable legislative and regulatory requirements.

Human Resource Considerations

Not applicable to this report.

Budget Impact

The projected additional revenues are estimated to be in the range of \$130,000 annually.

Attachments

None.

Approval

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