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## **Stormwater Charge Exemption Staff Report to Council**

Report Number: 2024-73

Department(s): Financial Services

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Meeting Date: December 2, 2024

### **Recommendations**

1. That the report entitled Stormwater Charge Exemption dated December 2, 2024 be received; and,
2. That Council approve exemption of stormwater charge to cemeteries operated by registered charities and non-profit organizations as outlined in the report effective with the 2024 stormwater charge and future years; and,
3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the report is to obtain Council approval to grant exemption of stormwater charge to cemeteries that are operated by registered charities and non-profit organizations.

### **Background**

The Town provides a stormwater management service to protect the community and environment from stormwater runoff. Stormwater runoff is water that flows off properties mostly due to rain and snow events. Stormwater management services require sufficient funding to serve the community.

A stormwater charge was established in 2017 to provide a dedicated funding source to help protect homes and businesses from possible flooding due to excessive stormwater.

Funds generated from the stormwater charge are used to fund Stormwater Management initiatives like low impact development (LID) and green infrastructure to minimize the negative impacts of stormwater run off.

## **Discussion**

The stormwater charge is calculated based on the size of property and the runoff level group rate.

Cemeteries are categorized under the low runoff level group rate. Most residential properties are under medium runoff level. Commercial and industrial buildings are under high runoff level.

Consideration should be given to provide stormwater charge exemption to cemeteries that meet the following criteria:

- Operated by a registered charity or a non-profit organization; and
- Size of the property is greater than 1 acre

Registered charities and non-profit organizations both operate on a non-profit basis.

## **Conclusion**

There are four cemeteries that meet the criteria outlined in the report. They are:

- Newmarket Cemetery
- Yonge Street Friends Burial Grounds
- St. John Chrysostom Parish
- Pioneer Burying Ground (also known as the Eagle Street Cemetery)

The budget impact will be less than \$10,000 based on the 2024 stormwater charges.

## **Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages**

- Community and economic vibrancy
- Environmental sustainability

## **Consultation**

Not applicable.

## **Human Resource Considerations**

Not applicable.

## **Budget Impact**

The budget impact will be less than \$10,000 based on the 2024 stormwater charges.

## **Attachments**

None.

## **Approval**

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