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Stormwater Charge for Residential Properties With Low Runoff

Staff Report to Council

Report Number: 2025-07

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Meeting Date: February 24, 2025

Recommendations

1. That the report entitled “Stormwater Charge For Residential Properties With Low Runoff ” be received; and,
2. That Council approve the 2024 stormwater charges for residential properties that meet the criteria as outlined in the report to be adjusted to the 2023 charges, and to be maintained at the same amounts in 2025 and 2026; 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 adjust the 2024 stormwater charges to match the 2023 charges for residential properties greater than 1 acre with low runoff, and to be maintained at the same amounts in 2025 and 2026.

Background

The stormwater charge is a user fee that funds Newmarket's Stormwater Management program. Stormwater management reduces the negative effects of stormwater and lowers the risk of flooding that can damage properties and the environment. Today, stormwater is more of a challenge than ever before due to climate change.

Discussion

Residential homes greater than 1 acre that have large green spaces provide low runoff and environmental benefits. Recognizing the benefits, the 2024 stormwater charges will be adjusted to the 2023 charges, and will be maintained in 2025 and 2026.

Consultation

Climate, Environment & Sustainability department has been consulted.

Conclusion

The 2024 stormwater charges for residential properties greater than 1 acre in the low runoff category will be adjusted to their 2023 charges. 2025 and 2026 charges will remain at the 2023 amounts, subject to outcome of a future review.

Council Priority Association

This report aligns with the following Council Priority: Environmental Sustainability

Human Resource Considerations

None.

Budget Impact

The 2024 stormwater revenues will be reduced by \$70,000 or 0.7% of the annual stormwater charge revenue budget.

Attachments

None.

Approval for Submission

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