



RPT 20-249

TITLE: Utility Account Deposits

DATE: June 15, 2020

TO: City Council

PUBLIC: X

INCAMERA:

RECOMMENDATION:

That Bylaw 18 of 2020 be introduced and given three (3) readings.

TOPIC & PURPOSE:

To introduce Bylaw 18 of 2020 in order to amend the Water and Sewer Utility Rates and Fees Bylaw 21 of 2019 to have the deposit for single dwelling accounts held by renters increase from \$150 to \$250.

BACKGROUND:

At the June 1, 2020 City council meeting motion 0243 was carried that reads in part:
"That the Utility Account Deposit increase from \$150 to \$250"

PROPOSED APPROACH AND RATIONALE:

The recommendation to increase the deposit was following meetings with Executive Committee, Administration and consultations held with Landlords regarding uncollectable water accounts.

CONSULTATIONS:

Consultations regarding outstanding utility accounts and other receivables were discussed with the City Manager, City Solicitor, Administration, water utility employees and Landlords at the consultation meeting held February 6, 2020.

COMMUNICATION AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENT PLAN:

Once approved, Bylaw 18 of 2020 will be posted on the City's website along with updates to the City's water application webpage. Letters will be sent to the landlords that were part of the consultation process as well as the Ministry of Social Services will be notified.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Amendment to Bylaw 21 of 2019.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS/IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial Implications, Privacy Implications, Official Community Plan or Options to the Recommendation.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Fiscal management and accountability: Align priorities and initiatives to the corporate strategies and deliver municipal services in cost-effective ways.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Public Notice pursuant to the Public Notice Bylaw No. 24 of 2015 is not required.

PRESENTATION: None

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Bylaw 18 of 2020

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