

Subject Matter: Bylaw No. 26-2022 Utility Rate Bylaw – First Reading

Department: Operations

Presented By: Karen Dela Rosa

Council Meeting Date: November 21, 2022

Recommendation:

That Council grant first reading to Bylaw No. 26-2022, Utility Rate Bylaw.

Issue: The 2023 rates for the City of Lloydminster’s public utilities which include: water services, wastewater services, refuse collection services, and stormwater services need to be established.

Background: During the November 9, 2022 Governance and Priorities Committee meeting, Administration presented the 2023 Draft Budget which proposed an increase to utility rates in the amount of five (5%) percent.

Bylaw No. 26-2022, Utility Rate Bylaw establishes utility rates for water and wastewater services, refuse collection services, and stormwater services. The proposed increase to the utility rates within the Bylaw is intended to cover the cost of providing the services while ensuring equity by accounting the proportionally higher rate for consumers who have higher demands for the system (i.e. high-water consumption). Additionally, the rate increase takes into consideration the projected costs for the upcoming mechanical Wastewater Treatment Facility debenture and its operational costs.

A comparison of the current and proposed utility rates is summarized in Tables 1, 2, and 3:

Table 1. Waste Services Rate Proposal

Service	Monthly Fee (\$/month)	
	2022 (Current)	2023 (Proposed)
Curbside Collection	\$16.80	\$17.64
Landfill Services	\$5.56	\$5.84
Total	\$22.36	\$23.48

Table 2. Stormwater Services Rate Proposal

Property Size (m ²)	Monthly Fee (\$/month)			
	Developed		Undeveloped	
	2022 (Current)	2023 (Proposed)	2022 (Current)	2023 (Proposed)
Up to 2,000	\$15.36	\$16.13	\$3.84	\$4.03
2001 – 7000	\$30.74	\$32.28	\$7.69	\$8.07
7001 – 12000	\$135.20	\$141.96	\$33.80	\$35.49
12001 – 17000	\$202.80	\$212.94	\$50.70	\$53.24
17001 – 22000	\$270.40	\$283.92	\$67.60	\$70.98
22001 – 30000	\$338.00	\$354.90	\$84.50	\$88.73
30001 up	\$499.20	\$524.16	\$124.80	\$131.04

Table 3. Water Services Rate Proposal

Fixed Fee Monthly Charge		
Meter Size	2022 (Current)	2023 (Proposed)
5/8"	\$20.14	\$21.15
3/4"	\$30.21	\$31.72
1"	\$50.35	\$52.87
1.5"	\$120.84	\$126.88
2"	\$201.40	\$211.47
3"	\$463.22	\$486.38
4"	\$825.75	\$867.04
6"	\$1,852.89	\$1945.53

Consumption charge (\$/m ³)		
Tier	2022 (Current)	2023 (Proposed)
0-30m ³	\$3.82	\$4.01
30-70m ³	\$3.99	\$4.19
70+m ³	\$4.07	\$4.27

Temporary & Bulk Water Consumption charge (\$/m ³)	
2022 (Current)	2023 (Proposed)
\$7.98	\$8.38

Options:

1. That Council grant first reading to Bylaw No. 26-2022, Utility Rate Bylaw.
2. That Council not grant first reading to Bylaw No. 26-2022, Utility Rate Bylaw.
3. That Council request further information and that the item be brought forward to a future Regular Council Meeting for decision.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: This item is in alignment with the following strategic area: Managing our Environment and Infrastructure. Utility rates are reviewed annually as part of the budgeting process to ensure adequate funding for maintenance, operation, and infrastructure costs.

Legal Review: Legal has reviewed the Utility Rate Bylaw.

Governance Implications: Utilities are regulated by the following bylaws as amended from time to time: Utility Bylaw 26-2016, Refuse Collection Bylaw 39-2014, Stormwater Bylaw 09-2017. Utility Rate Bylaw 29-2021 will be repealed and Bylaw 26-2022 will supersede the rate schedules in the aforementioned bylaws.

Budget/Financial Implications: During the Draft 2023 Budget presentation, Administration indicated a five (5%) percent increase in overall utility revenue.

Environmental Implications: N/A.

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