



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: January 12, 2026

BYLAW 1827 Water and Sewer Bylaw

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

In conjunction with the recent water meter replacement program and an increase in public inquiries related to the Water and Sewer Utility Bylaw, Administration undertook a full and extensive review of the existing bylaw. The review was intended to ensure clarity, consistency, and alignment with current operational practices, regulatory requirements, and Council-approved fees.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:

As part of the review process, Administration:

- Consolidated all previously approved amendments into a single, comprehensive bylaw;
- Updated and clarified definitions and general language to improve readability and interpretation;
- Updated enforcement provisions and cross-referenced penalties throughout the document; and
- Incorporated an updated and current fee and rate schedule.

Some additional key areas of amendment include:

- Clarification of responsibilities related to water services, meters, and remote reading devices;
- Updated provisions respecting unauthorized connections, hydrant and valve operation, and service thawing;
- Revised requirements for sanitary and storm sewer connections and prohibited discharges;
- Clearer processes for account billing, arrears, shutoffs, and reconnections; and
- Updated schedules addressing service charges, deposits, penalties, and water and sewer rates.

The new bylaw incorporates past fees, charges, and rate schedules updates and has proposed that the 2026 utility rates remain the same as in 2025. Administration has made this recommendation as the new water meter change outs will detect more accurate readings on all accounts. This rate proposal should have little financial impact to the overall revenues generated through the water and sewer rates.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councillor _____ to give Bylaw 1827, a Water and Sewer Utility Bylaw, first reading as presented.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.) Bylaw 1827 - Draft

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:

- 1.)

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DATE: January 9, 2026
