



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: January 26, 2026

BYLAW 1827 Water and Sewer Bylaw

UPDATE:

Council has directed administration to review the watering schedule and provide updated wording for manual sprinkling and for outdoor rinks. Updates are in red ink on the watering schedule and shortage response plan, Schedule E

Administration has made additional changes to Schedule D, to clarify that fixed charges are levied on properties regardless of occupancy. This reflects existing practice and provides greater transparency for ratepayers regarding charges.

January 12, 2026 – 1st Reading:

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 amend Bylaw 1827, a Water and Sewer Utility Bylaw.

Moved by Councillor _____ to give Bylaw 1827, a Water and Sewer Utility Bylaw, 2nd reading.

Moved by Councillor _____ to give Bylaw 1827, a Water and Sewer Utility Bylaw, 3rd reading.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.) Bylaw 1827 - Draft

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:

- 1.)

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DATE: January 9, 2026
