



Corporate NO: R259

Report COUNCIL DATE: November 28, 2000

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TO:	Mayor & Council	DATE:	November 22, 2000
FROM:	Acting General Manager, Finance, Technology & HR	FILE:	0023-001
SUBJECT:	By-law Amendments for Fee Increases		

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the amendments to the following By-laws, which reflect the recommendations by the Finance Committee:

- Surrey Fire Prevention By-law, 1990, No. 10771;
- Surrey Fee-Setting By-law, 1993, No. 11738;
- Surrey Soil Removal and Depositing Regulation By-law, 1979, No. 5880;
- Surrey Tree Preservation By-law, 1996, No. 12880;
- Surrey Building By-law, 1987, No. 9011;
- Surrey Plumbing By-law, 1981, No. 6569; and
- Surrey Electrical Inspection Safety By-law, 1976, No. 4832.

BACKGROUND

On November 7th, 2000, Finance Committee approved the 2001 General Operating Budget, which included \$600,000 in additional revenue, generated from a 4% fee increase.

DISCUSSION

The 2001 General Operating Budget identified additional revenue of \$600,000, to be generated from a 4% fee increase. The fee increases will be applied to business licenses, false alarm fees, inspection fees, inquiry fees, permit fees, and application fees.

Separate corporate reports and by-law amendments will be forth coming for the following:

- Business Licences and False Alarm Fees,
- Land Development Fees, and
- Planning and Development Fees.

Surrey Fire Prevention By-law, 1990, No. 10771 is being amended to incorporate a 4% fee increase on requested building inspections as well as on re-inspections and fire investigations. This will raise inspection fee's from \$30.00, \$50.00 and \$500.00 respectively, to \$32.10, \$52.00 and \$520.00. In addition, this by-law is being amended to allow for un-collected fees at December 31, to be transferred to the property tax roll for collection. The current status of the fire inspection and re-inspection fee collections show that there is an outstanding balance in excess of \$85,000, with \$61,000 of that being more than 90 days overdue. This amendment will bring the collection of inspection and re-inspection fees in line with other similar collections methods used in the City.

Surrey Fee-Setting By-law, 1993, No. 11738 is being amended to incorporate a \$5.00 fee increase for electronically produced Tax Certificates, raising fees from \$15.00 to \$20.00. This increase will allow us to generate an overall additional 4% revenue from administrative fees, authorized under this By-law.

Surrey Soil Removal and Depositing Regulation By-law, 1979, No. 5880 is being amended to incorporate a \$4.00 increase for soil removal applications and \$0.02 increase per cubic metre of soil removed. This increase will allow us to generate an overall increase of 4%, from soil removal fees.

The following By-laws are being amended to allow for all of the rates to reflect a 4% increase in fees:

- Surrey Tree Preservation By-law, 1996, No. 12880,
- Surrey Building By-law, 1987, No. 9011,
- Surrey Plumbing By-law, 1981, No. 6569, and
- Surrey Electrical Inspection Safety By-law, 1976, No. 4832.

CONCLUSION

Amendments to the specified by-laws, as indicated, will incorporate a 4% increase in revenue, which was recommended by Finance Committee.

Attached for reference are the cited By-laws.

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cc: City Manager

City Clerk