

R026 : 2000 Water, Sewer/Drainage and Garbage Rates By-laws



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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **February 2, 2000**

FROM: **General Manager, Finance, Technology & FILE: 0560-001**

Human Resources

SUBJECT: **2000 Water, Sewer/Drainage and Garbage Rates By-laws**

RECOMMENDATION

That the amendments to the following By-laws be brought forward for adoption by Council to incorporate 2000 Water, Sewer/Drainage and Garbage rates.

- By-law 13944 Surrey Waterworks Regulation By-law, 1969, No 2932
- By-law 13945 Surrey Sewer Rates and Extension Regulation By-law, 1964, No.2240
- By-law 13946 Surrey Garbage and Rubbish Collection Standards of Service and Charges By-law, 1969, No. 3055

INTENT

To seek Council's approval of the 2000 Water, Sewer/Drainage and Garbage Rates to support the 2000 Five-Year Financial Plan.

The proposed rates together with current rates are shown in Schedule A.

BACKGROUND

The City of Surrey has been aggressively moving towards a 'User Pay' system.

The Water Parcel Tax has been eliminated and replaced by a basic charge plus consumption. The metered sewer system for commercial consumers consists of a discharge rate based on 80% of water consumed.

Metered utility rates, in the past, have been restricted to Commercial/Industrial consumers or residential consumers with unusually high water consumption (ie: in-ground irrigation systems). In 1998, the metering of water consumption was made mandatory in Surrey for all new construction.

2000 PROPOSED CHANGES

The proposed changes reflected in the accompanying by-laws are summarized below:

WATER:

- That the flat rate for residential consumers be increased by \$10.27.
- That consumption rates be synchronized for commercial and residential consumers.
- That water meter rental charges be eliminated.
- The phase-in of the cost increase or decrease to the consumer related to the conversion to 'Pay by Flow' is in its final year.

SEWER/DRAINAGE:

- That the flat rate for residential consumers be increased by \$19.85.
- That metered sewer rates be introduced for residential consumers as per Corporate Report R025.
- That discharge rates be synchronized for commercial and residential consumers.
- The phase-in of the cost increase or decrease to the consumer related to the elimination of the annual basic user charge and the charge for fixtures units is in its final year.

GARBAGE/RECYCLING:

- That the Garbage rate for residential consumers be increased by \$5.00.

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