



BOARD REPORT

TO: Chair and Directors

File No: 5600 01 Bylaw No. 5780

SUBJECT: CSR D Waterworks Rates and Regulation Bylaw Update.

DESCRIPTION: Report from Terry Langlois, Team Leader, Utilities, dated June 29, 2018.
CSR D Waterworks Rates and Regulation Bylaw Update.

RECOMMENDATION #1: THAT: CSR D Waterworks Rates and Regulation Bylaw No. 5780 be read a first, second and third time this 19th day of July, 2018.

RECOMMENDATION #2: THAT: CSR D Waterworks Rates and Regulation Bylaw No. 5780 be adopted this 19th day of July, 2018.

SHORT SUMMARY:

The rate structure for the Saratoga Water System is currently weighted heavily towards parcel tax requisition, which is currently at \$521 annually per property, while the user fee is at \$185 annually. In order to be consistent with other CSR D water systems and to ensure that the new shared interest development scheduled to connect to the Saratoga system pays a fair and equitable amount, staff recommend the Saratoga Waterworks user fee be increased and the parcel tax requisition be decreased, essentially switching the two charges around. This change will result in the total yearly cost for a single residential connection to be the same as currently charged, but the parcel tax will be approximately \$185 per year and the annual user fee will be approximately \$521.

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BACKGROUND:

Typically the fee structure for CSR D water systems is heavily weighted towards a user fee, except when there is a loan attributed to the service area, which was the case with the Saratoga Water System. Now that the property owners from within the existing Saratoga Service Area have fully paid off the loan, it is important to restructure the fees to be consistent with other CSR D systems.

A shared interest property will be connecting to the Saratoga Water System within the next year. A shared interest development is structured on one parcel of land, with several owners having an interest in the land, typically with several residences, structures and water connections on site. Only one parcel tax can be applied per parcel of land however. All residences within the property are each required to pay a user fee for connection and usage of the water service. Switching the two charges around will allow for the CSR D to charge user fees in a more equitable manner. Increasing the user fee will allow for shared interest property users to pay a more equivalent amount comparatively to a single residential property connection.

POLICY:

The Board must approve to bylaws in accordance with the Local Government Act.

FINANCIAL:

The residential user fee for the Saratoga Waterworks will increase in 2019 from \$185 annually to \$521. The parcel tax amount requisitioned per property will decrease, resulting in no difference in overall costs for a single residential property and connection to the water system.

KEY ISSUES/CONCEPTS:

To amend the fee structure charged for the Saratoga Waterworks in order to fairly incorporate the Copper Island RV Park into the service area.

IMPLEMENTATION:

The new bylaw will come into effect upon adoption by the Board.

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

To Board approve the CSRD Waterworks Rates and Regulation Bylaw to facilitate the changes to the user fees for the Saratoga Waterworks.

BOARD'S OPTIONS:

1. *Endorse the Recommendation.*
2. *Deny the Recommendation.*
3. *Defer.*
4. *Any other action deemed appropriate by the Board.*

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Report Approval Details

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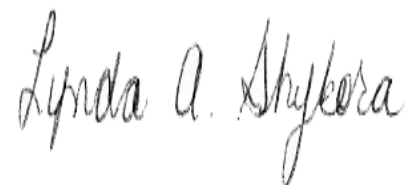
This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

No Signature - Task assigned to Darcy Mooney was completed by assistant Phaedra Turner

Darcy Mooney - Jul 6, 2018 - 10:26 AM



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