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2020 Stormwater Rates Staff Report to Council

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Recommendations

1. That the report entitled 2020 Stormwater Rates dated November 25, 2019 be received; and,
2. That the attached Schedule "A" being the Town of Newmarket 2020 Stormwater Rates be approved and adopted by by-law; and,
3. That the 2020 Stormwater Rates come into full force and effect as of January 1, 2020.

Executive Summary

This report recommends rate increases of 10.9% as per the 2017 Six-Year Stormwater Financial Plan to better finance the protection of homes and businesses from the adverse effects of excessive stormwater.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to propose adjustments to the Town's Stormwater rates for 2020.

Background

A stormwater charge was established in 2017 to provide a fair, transparent and dedicated funding source to help protect homes and businesses from possible flooding due to excessive stormwater.

The Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 authorizes a municipality to enact by-laws imposing fees and charges pertaining to a stormwater system pursuant to sections 9, 10, 11 and 391 of the Act.

The recommendation contained within Report 2017-30, being the 2017 Six-Year Stormwater Financial Plan, were adopted. The rates approved in the plan for 2020 are being recommended for adoption in this report.

Discussion

The stormwater utility is subject to cost drivers. The main drivers for the increases are:

- Meeting immediate capital replacement needs;
- Building a reserve to replace assets when they reach the end of their useful life;
- Managing increased runoff due to more severe weather patterns;
- Reducing phosphorus runoff to meet rising environmental standards

Conclusion

The attached schedule represents the proposed increase in stormwater rates and fees.

The investment required for Low Impact Development (LID) initiatives is growing beyond that which was considered in the original 6-Year Financial Plan. The Plan will need to be reviewed and updated with that in mind.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

This report links to Council's Strategic Priority of Long-Term Financial Sustainability by developing a multi-year operating and capital budget that aligns with Budget Policies.

Consultation

Advertisement on the Town of Newmarket's website has been provided in accordance with the Town's Procedure By-law and distribution of the Committee of the Whole agenda.

Human Resource Considerations

Not applicable to this report.

Budget Impact

This report recommends increasing stormwater rates by 10.9% in 2020.

Attachments

Schedule "A" – 2020 Stormwater Rates

Approval

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