

DATE: May 30, 2019

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: DAVE DYER, GENERAL MANAGER OF ENGINEERING AND PUBLIC WORKS

SUBJECT: Proposed Draft Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw Information Report

ATTACHMENT(S): Proposed Draft Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw
Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw– Summary of Consultation
Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw– Summary of Changes
Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw– Implementation Plan
Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw– Communications Plan

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That this report from the General Manager of Engineering and Public Works dated May 30, 2019 and titled “Proposed Draft Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw Information Report”, BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION.

PURPOSE:

This report is to provide Council and the public with information regarding the Proposed Draft Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw and the background supporting the document creation.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Council’s Strategic Plan identifies Environmental Leadership and Climate Action as well as City Government and Infrastructure under its goals.

BACKGROUND:

The existing Sanitary Sewer Bylaw No. 7897 was adopted in 2006. Changes in Provincial and Federal regulations require tightening of the prohibited substances and restricted waste limits along with the implementation of other control measures in order to remain within compliance. The existing bylaw also has limited enforcement options when dealing with noncompliant discharge by residential and industrial users.

DISCUSSION:

The Utilities Division has prepared a proposed draft Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw in consultation and coordination with various City departments, Prince George businesses and local residents as well as with the assistance of three (3) consultants specializing in sanitary sewer bylaws. Attached is a copy of the Proposed Draft Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw and four (4) background documents which provide supporting information for the proposed draft bylaw.

The Summary of Consultation document outlines the various methods which the Utilities Division used in order to engage with the public regarding the proposed bylaw. The document provides information outlining the public open house, public survey offered at the open house and online, discussions with existing waste discharge permit holders as well as web content providing additional background content on the drafting of the bylaw.

The Summary of Changes document provides a list of changes made from the old bylaw moving to the proposed draft bylaw. The document also provides information associated with the rationale as to why some of the changes were made.

The Implementation Plan Summary provides the intended process for moving forward with the proposed draft bylaw and the introduction of the Codes of Practices. This plan provides for the opportunity to work with stakeholders who are not familiar with the new bylaw or the Codes of Practice, and assist them with how to move into compliance within a three (3) year period following the adoption of the bylaw. Consequential amendments required to other City Bylaws are also included as part of this process.

The Communication Plan provides information on how the Utilities Division will continue to work with the stakeholders using the sanitary sewer system. The plan covers the current communication methods, as well as the proposed plans for the next three (3) years. A draft budget for the Communication Plan is also included.

Once the information report has been received by Council, there will be a period of time in which Council can review the Bylaw as well as stakeholders who have been involved in the process. Any necessary revisions will be made to the proposed draft bylaw and, depending on the extent of the revisions required, the new Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw will be brought back for Council's consideration in Summer 2019

SUMMARY:

City staff have done extensive research and consultation in the preparation of the Proposed Draft Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw. The information contained in this report is to provide Council, stakeholders and the public with the necessary information about the proposed draft Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw prior to it being presented to Council for consideration in Summer 2019.

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