

DATE: August 28, 2019

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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

SUBJECT: Proposed Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw

ATTACHMENT(S): Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw No.9055, 2019
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 Council grant first three readings of the “City of Prince George Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw No. 9055, 2019”.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to present the proposed City of Prince George Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw No. 9055, 2019 to replace the current Sanitary Sewer Bylaw No. 7897, 2006 and to provide an update on the consultation process.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Council’s Strategic Plan identifies Environmental Leadership and Climate Action as well as City Government and Infrastructure; the proposed Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw meets these goals and objectives.

BACKGROUND:

At the June 10, 2019 Regular Council Meeting, Council was presented with an Information Report regarding the Proposed Draft Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw. The attached documents were provided as part of the report to support the creation of the new bylaw.

DISCUSSION:

The Summary of Consultation document outlines the various methods which the City of Prince George Interdepartmental Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw Working Group 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 and 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 existing bylaw moving to the new 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 new bylaw and the introduction of the Codes of Practice. 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 Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw Working Group 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.

The proposed bylaw and attachments were posted to the City website for additional public consultation. No additional feedback was received from the public since the Council Meeting.

CONCLUSION

Administration supports the new bylaw. The proposed Sanitary Sewer Use Bylaw will improve the City's ability to manage discharges entering the sanitary sewer system and improve the ability to enforce the necessary restrictions in order to protect the environment, the public, the health and safety of City employees and City infrastructure.

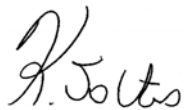
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Meeting date: September 9, 2019