

Subject: Bylaw No. 20/014 - 2020 Flood Response**APPROVALS:****Jamie Doyle**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

1. THAT Bylaw No. 20/014, being the 2020 Flood Response Bylaw, be read a first time.
2. THAT Bylaw No. 20/014 be read a second time.
3. THAT Bylaw No. 20/014 be considered for third reading.
4. THAT Bylaw No. 20/014 be read a third and final time.

Summary and Background:

The April 2020 flood caused substantial damage to many properties in the lower town site of Fort McMurray, Ptarmigan Court, Waterways neighbourhoods, Draper and TaigaNova Industrial Park. In order to facilitate recovery, a substantial amount of debris removal and hauling of household waste will be required, and most, if not all materials will be received by the municipal landfill. Additionally, as the recovery phase unfolds, property and business owners will require development and safety code permits.

Waiving Community Development and Safety Code permitting fees, along with disposal rates for the landfill, will aid property owners in the ongoing recovery and demonstrate that the Municipality is here to support them during this time.

At present, fees at the landfill are waived as the Director of Emergency Management and the Chief Administrative Officer, under a State of Local Emergency (SOLE), have the discretion to fix prices for services, etc... to aid in the emergency response. Following termination of the SOLE, fixing prices for services would not continue, therefore Bylaw No. 20/014 proposes to continue to waive fees for services to assist residents in the coming months.

Provision has also been made to temporarily suspend provisions in the Noise Bylaw that might otherwise apply to the reconstruction efforts in the evacuated areas to aid in the rapid reconstruction efforts.

Budget/Financial Implications:

There are financial implications with respect to fees that will be suspended by operation of the bylaw. By waiving the fees associated with the landfill and those associated with permitting, the Municipality will forego an estimated \$3.0 Million in fees that were previously budgeted revenue.

Rationale for Recommendation:

This Bylaw will ensure that fees associated with reconstruction in the evacuated areas of the RMWB will continue to be waived once the State of Local Emergency has been terminated. Waiving these fees, rates and charges will ensure that property owners and local contractors are not faced with unwarranted challenges during these challenging times.

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government

Attachments:

1. Bylaw No. 20.014 - Flood Response Bylaw