

**Subject: Bylaw No. 20/015 - Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw
Amendment - Reduction of Water Fees**

APPROVALS:

Jamie Doyle

Director

Chief Administrative Officer

Recommended Motion:

1. THAT Bylaw No. 20/015, being a bylaw to amend the Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw, be read a first time.
2. THAT Bylaw No. 20/015 be read a second time.
3. THAT Bylaw No. 20/015 be considered for third reading.
4. THAT Bylaw No. 20/015 be read a third and final time.

Summary:

On April 27, 2020 Alberta Health Services issued a boil water advisory for Fort McMurray and the surrounding communities of Anzac, Draper, Gregoire Lake Estates, and Saprae Creek Estates due to the flood, as there was increased turbidity experienced in the municipal water supply.

The advisory does not apply to the communities of Conklin, Fort Chipewyan, Fort Fitzgerald, Fort McKay, and Janvier. Residents in Gregoire Lake Estates and Anzac who use water tanks with trucked water from the Conklin Water Treatment Plant are not affected.

Background:

At the May 6, 2020 Special Council Meeting, Council passed a motion directing administration to bring forward a bylaw amendment that would reduce the water billing fees for residential and commercial customers impacted by the current Alberta Health Services Boil Water Advisory as a result of the 2020 River Break Up Flood.

Budget/Financial Implications:

The financial impact of reducing the water billing fees is approximately \$2.4M overall.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The recent boil water advisory has placed an unforeseen impact on residential and commercial customers. Therefore, the water meter size charges will be reduced until August 31, 2020. Should the boil water advisory extend beyond this date Administration will review and bring forward a recommendation to Council for further consideration.

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government

Attachments:

1. Bylaw No 20/015 - Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw Amendment