

BYLAW NO. 20/029

A BYLAW OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO TO AMEND THE UTILITY MANAGEMENT BYLAWS

WHEREAS Section 7 of the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. M-26, as amended (the "MGA"), provides that a council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes (including public utilities), services provided by or on behalf of the Municipality and the enforcement of bylaws;

AND WHEREAS Section 191(1) of the MGA, as amended, empowers the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo to amend its bylaws;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, duly assembled, enacts as follows:

Short Title

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "Utilities Account Holders Amending Bylaw".

Definition

2. In this Bylaw:
 - (a) "Billing Account" means the account that a Consumer can establish for water, wastewater, and solid waste charges;

Amendment

3. The *Water Utilities Management Bylaw No. 07/035* is amended by:
 - (a) Deleting the following words from section 2(g) defining "consumer":

", purchaser, occupant, or other person in charge of the land or building"

and substituting the following in replacement:

"of a parcel of land as described by a certificate of title issued by the Alberta Registrar of Land Titles";

4. The *Sanitary Sewer Utilities By-Law No. 85/51* is amended by:
 - (a) Deleting the word "City" throughout the bylaw and replacing it wherever it occurs with the word "Municipality".
 - (b) Deleting section 101(d) in its entirety and substituting the following in replacement:

"Municipality" or "RMWB" means the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo."
 - (c) Deleting section 101(f) in its entirety and substituting the following in replacement:

"Consumer" shall mean the registered owner of the parcel to which a connection to the Municipality's sanitary system is made and in whose name a utility billing account has been established."
 - (d) Amending section 101(g) by deleting the words "City of Fort McMurray" wherever they occur and substituting the word "Municipality" in their place.
5. The *Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw No. 07/043* is amended by:
 - (a) Deleting the words "or occupant" from section 25.

Transition Provisions

6. Billing accounts not registered to a "consumer" in the Water Utilities Management Bylaw or a "Consumer" in the Sanitary Sewer Utilities By-Law will continue to be held by the current account holder until the earlier of the following events:
 - (a) Where the holder of such billing account advises the Municipality that they wish to terminate such account; or
 - (b) Where the Consumer owning a parcel agrees to assume the liability for the related billing account.
7. In the event that a billing account which is not held by a Consumer as noted in section 5 is in default of payment terms, the account will be terminated until such time as the Consumer associated with the benefitting parcel agrees to assume the liability for such billing account.

Coming into Force

- 8. Bylaw No. 86/02, being the Imposition of Interest Charges on General Accounts Bylaw is hereby repealed.
- 9. This Bylaw comes into effect on January 1, 2021.

READ a first time this 24th day of November, 2020.

READ a second time this ____ day of _____, 2020.

READ a third and final time this ____ day of _____, 2020.

SIGNED and PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer