

COUNCIL REQUEST FOR DECISION

MEETING DATE: March 8, 2021

SUBMITTED BY: R. Sereda, Director, Public Services

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REPORT TITLE: Bylaw No. 1081-2021 – Amendment to Sewers Bylaw No. 978-2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Bylaw No. 1081-2021 (Bylaw) updates the Sewer Bylaw, based on changes requested by the Alberta Capital Region Wastewater Commission (ACRWC) of all its members. It has been three years since the Sewer Bylaw received an update.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council give Bylaw No. 1081-2021 first reading.

That Council give Bylaw No. 1081-2021 second reading.

That Council unanimously agrees to consider Bylaw No. 1081-2021 receive third reading.

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HISTORY

The Sewers Bylaw regulates the use of public sewers, private sewers, drains, the disposal of sewage and the discharge of sanitary sewers and waste into the City of Leduc (City) sewage system and to provide for the levying and collecting of a charge for the use of the public sewage works. Council's approval is required to update the Sewers Bylaw No. 978-2018 to incorporate the latest source control requirements that are identified in the ACRWC Bylaw No. #8. As a member of the ACRWC, the City has an obligation to ensure that we comply with the Act governing the quality of wastewater accepted by the Commission. The proposed amendment brings the City's Sewers Bylaw in line with the ACRWC Bylaw.

The new Bylaw covers everything in the previous version with significant changes listed below:

- Section 41(e) take any steps or carry out any actions necessary to enforce standards, codes of practice and additional requirements as adopted by the City from time to time, based on Best Management Practices pertaining to Wastewater management, which standards or codes may include those prescribed by the ACRWC.
- Section 45(1) A Person shall apply for, obtain and comply with all permits and authorities required of, and issued by, all applicable permitting authorities, including the City and the ACRWC, during the sanitary servicing infrastructure construction, connection and operation phases.
- Schedule "D" is new and has been added to identify when overstrength charges may be applied to municipal utility customers.

RATIONALE

Whereas pursuant to Part 2 of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000 c.M-26, a Council may pass bylaws for municipal purposes respecting municipal services and public utilities; and Whereas Council may provide for the enforcement of such bylaws, including creating offences, specifying penalties, empowering inspections and enabling remedies pertaining to contraventions.



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STRATEGIC / RELEVANT PLANS ALIGNMENT

Not Applicable.

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATION:

Managing our wastewater begins at the source; the updated bylaw will enable the City to do what it takes to protect its waterways for today and into the future.

RISK ANALYSIS: FINANCIAL / LEGAL:

The Bylaw was drafted in coordination with City Legal Services and Public Services.

IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNICATIONS:

The new Bylaw will be hosted on the City's website where it will be available for download. Additionally, a supporting document with will be available in an interactive format. When a utility customer requires more information regarding one of the sections in our new simplified Bylaw, a simple click of the respective section will take the customer to another document that will offer technical information.

ALTERNATIVES: Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

Bylaw No. 1081-2021