



Council Report

For the Meeting of April 26, 2018

To: City Council **Date:** April 23, 2018
From: Tom Zworski, City Solicitor
Subject: Amendment to Checkout Bag Regulation Bylaw Transition Provisions

RECOMMENDATION

That Council give three readings to the *Checkout Bag Regulation Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1*.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On January 11, 2018, Council adopted the *Checkout Bag Regulation Bylaw No. 18-008* (the "Bylaw") to regulate business use of single use checkout bags to reduce the creation of waste and associated municipal costs, to better steward municipal property, include sewers, streets and parks, and to promote responsible and sustainable business practices that are consistent with the values of the community.

The Bylaw includes, among other regulations, provision that prohibit businesses from providing checkout bags to customers unless the customer is charged a prescribed fee. The fee is initially set at 15 cents per paper bag and \$1 per reusable bag. As part of the transition provisions, the Bylaw provides for an increase in these fees to 25 cents and \$2 respectively.

The report submitted to Council, as well as communication to the public and businesses indicated that the fee increase will not be effective until July 1, 2019, i.e., one year after the bylaw comes into effect. Unfortunately, due to an inadvertent error, the actual Bylaw provides that these fees will increase on January 1, 2019. The proposed amendment to the Bylaw, attached as Appendix A, corrects this error and brings the Bylaw into conformity with the intention of Council and what has been publicly communicated by the City to the public and to the business community. No other changes are included in this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Zworski
City Solicitor

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:

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Date:

April 23, 2018