



Council Report
For the Meeting of April 16, 2020

To: Council **Date:** April 14, 2020
From: C. Coates, City Clerk
Subject: Utility Fees Penalty Amendment (No. 1) Bylaw No. 20-060

RECOMMENDATION

That Utility Fees Penalty Amendment (No.1) Bylaw No. 20-060:

- 1. be given first, second and third readings.
- 2. be reconsidered and adopted.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY


At the April 9, 2020 council meeting, Council approved a multi-part motion pertaining to Financial Plan adjustments and other considerations related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. In connection with utility bill payment due dates the motion was:

“Extend the payment due date for utility bills to 90 days from 45 days and bring forward bylaw amendments to authorize that change”.

Attached for Council’s consideration is an amendment bylaw to authorize the extension of the due date to 90 days after the billing date before the 5% penalty is applied.


The Provincial Government Order passed in March, established that local governments may adopt a bylaw in the same meeting as it is introduced. While not to be used lightly, the authority to adopt a Bylaw in one meeting is recommended for this matter to initiate the relief to ratepayers immediately.

Respectfully submitted,


Chris Coates
City Clerk


Susanne Thompson
Deputy City Manager/CFO

Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager:


Date: April 14, 2020

List of Attachments:

- Attachment A: Utility Penalty Fees Amendment Bylaw No. 20-060**
- Attachment B: Utility Penalty Fees Bylaw 05-066**