



STAFF REPORT

Title: Bylaw No. 663-UT-20 - Utility Account Penalties Waiver Bylaw

Meeting Date: March 24, 2020

Executive Summary:

Many residents and Businesses are struggling to pay all their debts during this time of unrest. Many Businesses as well as City services have had to shut their operations to the public for an indefinite period. In order to assist and take some pressure of the rate payers and City's businesses Council may consider the following bylaw which would waiver payments to monthly utility bills for 3 months April May and June, 2020.

Background:

The City would continue to invoice utilities monthly as usual but would not process any penalties on balances due in the month of April, May and June 2020. Utility accounts include water, sewer, solid waste and recycling charges. The City would not transfer any accounts more than 90 days in arrears to taxes and there would be no service disconnects during this time.

The City charges approximately \$3,500 in utility penalties monthly as per the bylaw.

Alternatives:

Council may consider the following options:

1. Council may give 3 readings to Bylaw No. 663-UT-20 to Waiver Penalties for utility accounts for the month of April May and June 2020.
2. Council may not pass the Bylaw.

Recommended Action:

Administration recommends that Council give three readings to Bylaw No. 663-UT-20, being the Utility Account Penalties Waiver Bylaw.

Budget Implications (Yes or No):

Yes

Submitted by:

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