



LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

TO: Council
DATE: February 22, 2022
FILE: N/A
SUBJECT: 2022 Master Rates Bylaw

DIVISION: All
APPLICATION: N/A

POLICY DIRECTION:

The *Municipal Government Act* allows Council to pass bylaws regarding services provided by Rocky View County, which includes the fees charged for providing those services. The County has consolidated the fees it charges for providing goods and services into a *Master Rates Bylaw* which is reviewed and updated annually.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Administration has reviewed the rates established in the 2022 *Master Rates Bylaw*. The proposed fee changes are outlined in detail in Attachment 'A' of this report. The following is a summary of the proposed changes:

- Clarification on legislated fees in the Freedom of Information / Access to Information category;
- Dog licensing fees were added to the Pets and Animals section, however, this fee is not effective until January 1, 2023;
- Application fee added for planning applications to be referred to the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board;
- Planning application withdrawal fee moved to clarify the refund structure;
- West Rocky View water service, West Balzac Service area, West Rocky View sewer service, and West Balzac service area were added to the Utilities section;
- Guide to Prop Production Blue Book now offered digitally, physical price was removed from Agriculture and Environmental section;
- Internal charge was removed from the Corporate Properties section;
- Various fees in the Utilities section are proposed to be increase by 10%;
- Various fees have been moved and re-categorized within the Cemetery category and some cemetery fees are proposed to increase by 3% and 5% reflecting the recommendations of both the Cemetery Master plan and the feasibility study; and
- Various textual amendments are proposed to better explain and clarify existing fees, and various changes are proposed to GST to better reflect where it can and cannot be charged.

County's current fees are found in *Master Rates Bylaw C-8145-2021* (Attachment C). If passed by Council, the 2022 *Master Rates Bylaw* would come into effect on April 3, 2022.

Administration Resources

Caitlyn Anderson, Legislative and Intergovernmental Services



ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval in accordance with Option #1.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The proposed fee changes align with the 2022 Operating and Capital Base Budget approved at the January 18, 2022 Special Council meeting.

OPTIONS:

- Option #1: Motion 1: THAT Bylaw C-8258-2022 be given first reading.
- Motion 2: THAT Bylaw C-8258-2022 be given second reading.
- Motion 3: THAT Bylaw C-8258-2022 be considered for third reading.
- Motion 4: THAT Bylaw C-8258-2022 be given third and final reading.

- Option #2: THAT Council provide alternative direction.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

“Amy Zaluski”

“Byron Riemann”

Director,
Legislative and Intergovernmental Services

Acting Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment ‘A’ – Breakdown of Proposed New Fees and Fee Changes
- Attachment ‘B’ – Bylaw C-8258-2022 – *2022 Master Rates Bylaw*
- Attachment ‘C’ – Bylaw C-8145-2021 – *2021 Master Rates Bylaw*