

Subject: Motion - Removal of Vars Water Infrastructure Fee

File Number: ACS2022-OCC-ARA-0009

Report to Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee on 1 September 2022

and Council 21 September 2022

Submitted on September 1, 2022 by Kelly Crozier, Committee Coordinator

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Ward: Cumberland (19)

Objet : Motion - Suppression des frais liés à l'infrastructure d'eau de Vars

Dossier : ACS2022-OCC-ARA-0009

Rapport au Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales

le 1er septembre 2022

et au Conseil le 21 septembre 2022

Soumis le 1 septembre 2022 par Kelly Crozier, Coordonnatrice du comité

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REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommend Council direct Building Code Services to end the requirement to collect the Vars Water Fee when issuing permits in the affected area.

RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT

Que le Comité de l'agriculture et des affaires rurales recommande que le Conseil demande aux Services du Code du bâtiment de mettre fin à l'obligation de percevoir des frais pour l'eau de Vars au moment de délivrer des permis dans le secteur touché.

BACKGROUND

The Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee at its meeting of September 1, 2022, approved the following motion, which was added to the agenda pursuant to subsection 89(3) of the Procedure By-law:

WHEREAS there was a fee established in the Regulatory Code of the former Regional Municipality of Ottawa Carleton in 1994, with the purpose of paying back, over time, a portion of the original debt incurred to construct the Vars water plant; and

WHEREAS each new building permit in the village of Vars using municipal water plant was to pay this fee until the allocated “growth” share of the debt was paid back; and

WHEREAS there has been approximately \$1.7 million in Vars Water Fees collected via permits from growth since the fee was put in place; and

WHEREAS the associated debt is now retired;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recommend Council direct Building Code Services to end the requirement to collect the Vars Water Fee when issuing permits in the affected area.

DISCUSSION

The Committee unanimously supported the aforementioned motion and agreed that it would be presented to Council on September 21, 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The collection of this fee is no longer required as the associated debt has been retired.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff will be available at the Council meeting if clarification is required

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

The Ward Councillor Catherine Kitts is supportive of this motion.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE(S) COMMENTS

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motions, approved at Committee, to Council for consideration its meeting of September 21, 2022. This report was not circulated for comment as it was added at the meeting.

CONSULTATION

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion, approved at Committee, to Council for consideration its meeting of September 21, 2022. No consultation was undertaken as this item was added at the meeting.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion, approved at Committee, to Council for consideration its meeting of September 21, 2022. No specific accessibility impacts have been identified.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion, approved at Committee, to Council for consideration its meeting of September 21, 2022. No risk management implications have been identified.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion, approved at Committee, to Council for consideration its meeting of September 21, 2022. No direct impacts on the City's strategic priorities or directions identified for the current Term of Council have been identified.

DISPOSITION

Following Council approval, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development staff will undertake action to respond to the recommendations in the report.