

## **CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN**

### **Bylaw C11-16, a Bylaw of the City of Fort Saskatchewan to Amend Fees and Charges Bylaw C23-15**

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#### **Motions:**

1. That Council give first reading to Bylaw C11-16, which amends Fees and Charges Bylaw C23-15.
2. That Council give second reading to Bylaw C11-16, which amends Fees and Charges Bylaw C23-15.
3. That Council provide unanimous consent to proceed with third and final reading to Bylaw C11-16, which amends Fees and Charges Bylaw C23-15.
4. That Council give third reading to Bylaw C11-16, which amends Fees and Charges Bylaw C23-15.

#### **Purpose:**

To present Council with information and a request to give three readings to Bylaw C11-16, which amends Fees and Charges Bylaw C23-15.

#### **Background:**

As per the Fees and Charges Bylaw C11-16, the following amendments are being proposed:

##### Economic Development

Business Licence Bylaw C9-16 was approved at the May 10, 2016 regular Council Meeting. With the approval of the Bylaw, changes are required to the current Fees and Charges Bylaw. These include:

- a) Simplification of Business Licence types (Resident and Non-resident).
- b) Removal of Accessory Home Occupation fee. Accessory Home Occupations would be included under Resident Business Licence fees. The fees for both licences were the same, therefore the fee would remain at \$90.00/year.
- c) Removal of the Transient Trader/Hawker, Peddler fee. This category currently has both a daily rate of \$100.00 and an annual rate of \$300.00. It will be replaced with the Temporary Business Licence fee, which would be valid for 28 days at a rate of \$100.00.
- d) Removal of the Transfer Licence fee. The fee was eliminated because it was determined that charging a fee for this service deters businesses from informing the City of any change in ownership. Administration felt that the value of having up-to-date information was more valuable than the fee.
- e) Removal of Revoked or Surrendered Licence Refund fee. As the fee is nominal and the frequency of revoked or surrendered licences is quite small, it was decided to eliminate the fee.

##### Protective Services

Animal Control Bylaw C7-16 was approved at the May 24, 2016 regular Council Meeting. With the approval of the Bylaw, changes are required to the licensing section of the current Fees and Charges Bylaw. This includes the addition of a Nuisance Dog category and replacing the Vicious Dog category with a Restricted Dog category.

### Public Transit

At the November 17, 2015 regular Council Meeting, Council approved the 2016 Budget for transit services within Fort Saskatchewan. Option 3 – Commuter Transit Services, which modified existing local transit services with a capital investment to purchase transit equipment was approved. The recommended fares were included as part of the Draft 2015 Fort Saskatchewan Transit – Pilot Review Report, and Administration is following the recommendations indicated in the report to bring the City's fares closer to the Capital Region average, making tickets and passes more attractive to the City's transit customers.

Changes to the current Fees and Charges Bylaw are required for the Public Transit fares when the City's Commuter Transit Service is implemented on September 6, 2016. With the upcoming change in Transit Service fees, the new fees require approval to meet the timelines to advise the public and modify brochures.

### **Recommendation:**

That Council give three readings to Bylaw C11-16, which amends Fees and Charges Bylaw C23-15.

### **Attachments:**

1. Bylaw C11-16 - Amending Fees and Charges Bylaw C23-15
2. Bylaw C23-15 - Portions of Bylaw outlining sections to be amended

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