

## Request for Decision

### Hauled Liquid Waste Tipping Fees

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### Recommendation

THAT Council authorize the deferral of the Hauled Liquid Waste tipping fees from January 1, 2012 to July 1, 2012; and

THAT Council authorize Staff to make required adjustments to the WWW bylaws to coincide with the above deferral; and

THAT Staff prepare and implement a community education and outreach initiative which includes an information letter fully explaining the new processes needed to deal with Hauled Liquid Waste for distribution to every rural resident affected by the fees; and

THAT Staff prepare a report and presentation with recommendations for separate holding tank fees for the consideration of Council.

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### Finance Implications

The deferral will have no impact on the 2012 Water / Waste Water budget as revenues for this initiative were not budgeted for due to the uncertainty of the amounts that would be collected.

### **Project Background:**

With the approval of Resolution 2010-353 Council approved an update to the Sewer Use Bylaw on September 15, 2010. One of the many objectives of the Bylaw included regulating Hauled Liquid Waste (HLW) within the City of Greater Sudbury through the planned decommissioning of the three (3) existing hauled sewage sites and transitioning to a HLW receiving station to be located at the Sudbury Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Resolution further directed Staff to proceed with a phased implementation and enforcement of the Sewer Use Bylaw and the Source Control Program. The implementation strategy included a one year grace period from the date of Council approval of the updated Bylaw to allow affected stakeholders and customers time to adapt to the new requirements and programs contained in the Bylaw. This grace period ended on September 15, 2011.

During the grace phase-in period Staff carried out a comprehensive communications and public education plan to help customers in developing environmentally friendly practices that comply with the Bylaw requirements.

Several of the new requirements in the Bylaw generate additional costs for the Water and Wastewater Services Division such as administration, various additional equipment, software, and laboratory fees, maintenance and life cycle costs. As such, the new Bylaw introduces fees to recover these additional costs and these fees are set out in the Water and Wastewater Rate By-law.

At Council's request, this report has been prepared for the decision of Council to delay the implementation of the HLW fees until July 1, 2012. This additional time will provide Staff an opportunity to complete additional education and outreach initiatives so that affected property owners can fully understand the rationale for the HLW fees and adjust to the new requirements. The deferral would also provide an opportunity to complete the development of a separate lower fee proposal, (and design business processes to differentiate those customers) to address the specific requirements for customers with holding tank waste for Council's consideration. Holding tank fee implementation could then come into effect on July 1, 2012.

Staff will undertake to provide a follow up report to explain the reasons for tipping fees and propose a separate fee for holding tank customers for the consideration of Council complete with a presentation on the HLW transition strategy early in 2012.

#### **Financial Implications:**

There are no anticipated financial implications from the deferral of the fees as the costs of additional public education and outreach initiatives will be funded from approved budgets and no revenue was budgeted in 2012 due to uncertainty of amounts to be collected (principle of conservatism).