Village of Rycroft
Request for Decision

Council Meeting Date: December 4, 2019

TOPIC: Amendment of the Master Rates Bylaw

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Council review the Master Rates Bylaw and provide direction to Administration as to any changes required and give 3 readings to the bylaw.

BACKGROUND: Council should annually review the Master Rates Bylaw and consider any changes to ensures costs are commensurate with level of service.

Administration is recommending the following changes as tracked in the attached bylaw:

- Under Administration, delete "Handling Charges (mail/fax charges) 25% plus actual costs", as this is never imposed, and in most cases, it is part of our regular service.

- Delete Area Structure Plan as we do not have any.

- Under Bylaw enforcement delete all as they do not agree with Animal Control Bylaw No. 170-15 or Traffic Control Bylaw No. 196-18. Refer to the other bylaws.

- Under Unsightly Premises, again delete the random references to various offenses listed and refer to the main bylaw for consistency.

- Under Community Hall, we want to re-define to include the kitchen in a regular rental, and charge for our kitchenware items such as bowls, utensils, plates, etc. as the pantry. Reason being that the phone, first aid kit, and coffee pot is in the kitchen – just a better user-friendly system.
  Delete Culture (meeting) room rental rate, as you can rent the hall for $50, it makes no sense just to rent the meeting room for $75.
  Delete Multi Day reference as it is cheaper to rental the hall for $150/day.
  Reduce deposit to $100 and make it discretionary, as when the renter is a known community person, we do not collect a deposit for small events like meetings or birthday parties, as it administratively burdensome to collect, deposit, an reissue cheques.

- Under Public Utilities, delete the water meter connection fee, as this is the cost of us doing business to supply service. Also increase the cost of meter testing fee from $30 to $50 to more accurately reflect the cost of the service.

- Under Water Service, delete reference to non-metered properties. No one gets water in the Village without a meter.

- Under Public Works Equipment, delete the sewer snake rental as that service is no longer available from us. It is available from private enterprise in town.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As per any adjustments Council chooses to make.

POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS: None.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. Council could suggest changes to the bylaw prior to final approval
2. Council could give less than three readings to the bylaw

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Master Rates Bylaw 216-19 (Tracked changes of Bylaw 199-18 consolidated with amendment Bylaw 202-19).

Peter Thomas — November 28, 2019

Chief Administrative Officer — **Date**