

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE **DATE:** 2021 February 23

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING **FILE:** 32000-05

SUBJECT: STORM SEWER EXTENSION REFUNDS CAPITAL BYLAW FUNDING REQUEST

PURPOSE: To request a Capital Reserve Fund Bylaw to finance partial refunds for contributions and fees paid under the *Storm Sewer Extension Contribution and Fee Bylaw 2017*.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Financial Management Committee recommend Council authorize the City Solicitor to bring forward a Capital Reserve Fund Bylaw in the amount of \$497,247 to finance partial refunds for properties that have already paid contributions and fees under the Storm Sewer Extension Contribution and Fee Bylaw 2017.

REPORT**INTRODUCTION**

At the 2020 December 14 Council meeting, the City Manager submitted a report from the Director Engineering seeking Council authorization to repeal the *Storm Sewer Extension Contribution and Fee Bylaw 2017* and to update the *Sewer Connection Bylaw 1961*.

Council adopted the recommendations contained in the report to repeal the *Storm Sewer Extension Contribution and Fee Bylaw 2017*, to update the *Sewer Connection Bylaw 1961* and authorized partial refunds for properties that have already paid contributions and fees under the *Storm Sewer Extension Contribution and Fee Bylaw 2017*.

On 2021 February 08, the Burnaby *Storm Sewer Extension Contribution and Fee Bylaw 2017* was repealed and the *Burnaby Sewer Connection Bylaw 1961* was amended to include a Storm Service Connection fee of \$11,400.

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POLICY SECTION

The recommendations in this report are aligned with the City of Burnaby's Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting the following goals and sub-goals of the Plan.

Goal

- A Dynamic Community
 - City facilities and infrastructure –
Build and maintain infrastructure that meets the needs of our growing community
- A Thriving Organization
 - Financial viability –
Maintain a financially sustainable City for the provision, renewal and enhancement of City services, facilities and assets

Partial Refunds

Staff have reviewed the amount paid by properties under the *Storm Sewer Extension Contribution and Fee Bylaw 2017* and compared it to the *Storm Service Connection* fee of \$11,400 to determine the amount to refund. Based on the analysis performed by staff, refunds in the amount of \$1,804,870 will need to be processed. \$1,307,623 will be funded from deposits held on account, and \$497,247 will be funded from the Capital Reserve Fund.

Under the *Storm Sewer Extension Contribution and Fee Bylaw 2017*, fees were collected and held on deposit. As the work was completed, these fees were transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund to help offset the storm sewer costs. The refund amounts to be funded from the Capital Reserve Fund represent the capital works that have been completed under the program to date.

Project Mask	Description	Amount
Benefiters	Benefiter Properties	\$33,971
ELA.0020	2016 Developer Coordinated Works - Storm	\$24,450
ELA.3021	2017 Developer Coordinated Works - Storm	\$119,092
ELA.3074	2018 Developer Coordinated Works - Storm	\$190,163
ELA.3162	2019 Storm Extensions	\$129,570
Grand Total		\$497,247

These refunds will be included in the 2021 – 2025 Annual Financial Plan and sufficient Capital Reserves Funds are available to finance the partial refunds outlined in this report.

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