

Meeting Date: August 8, 2023
Department: Finance & Treasury
Report No.: FIN-2023-34
Submitted by: William Dakin – Director of IT/Finance-Treasurer Acting CAO
Approved by: William Dakin – Director of IT/Finance-Treasurer Acting CAO

SUBJECT: Sewer Non-Connect Fee

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: Council have the fee credited and waived for the sewer non-connect fee until January 1st, 2024 for those residents in Mount Brydges on Adelaide Rd, Queens St and Lions Park Drive that are part of the current Private Drain Connection (PDC) intake for the \$17,500 and have been charged.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

- Households and businesses in Strathroy-Caradoc are supported by reliable, financially responsible and well-maintained infrastructure networks
- Allocate sufficient resources for capital and operating infrastructure needs

BACKGROUND:

The municipality has been on standardizing the way they roll out new Private Drain Connect (PDC) in, in-fill areas within the municipality.

COMMENTS:

The process has now been standardized, and as a result, we now have a consistent way forward through the charging of the PDC fee and the application of the Sewer Non-Connect fee. However, in the process there has been some inconsistencies in the application of the Sewer Non-Connect fees. Therefore, administration is proposing that the residents in Mount Brydges on Adelaide Rd., Queens St., and Lions Park Drive, who were are being charged the Sewer Non Connect fee, that are part of the current intake for the PDC's, to have those fee's credited and waived until January 1st 2024. The Sewer Non Connect fee is charged through our By-law once a sewer passes your property if the

resident does not connect. However, once the resident connects they then pay the applicable sewer rate. Although this fee is clear in the By-law, the charge became unclear during the current intake of PDC connection. All future correspondence with regards to the PDC connections on in-fill projects will clearly state, along with the mandatory payment of the PDC fee, you will be charged the non-connect fee until you connect to the sewer line. As this Sewer Non Connect fee is a wastewater fee, there is no impact on property taxes.

CONSULTATION:

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The financial implications is a credit of approximately \$3,600 to 22 customers, and the waiving of approximately an additional \$3,600 in wastewater fees collected.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.