Request for Decision

GRAND FORKS

To: Regular Meeting

From: Corporate Services / Operations

Date: February 10, 2020

Subject: Electrical Regulations Bylaw – First Three Readings

Recommendation: THAT Council gives first three readings to the

"Electrical Regulations Bylaw No. 2067".

THAT Council gives first three readings to the "Electrical Utility Regulatory Bylaw No. 2015-R".

Background

The Electrical Regulations Bylaw provides the terms of use of the City's electrical system. It includes the standards and conditions for connecting to the electrical system and the different responsibilities for maintenance.

Staff have redrafted the bylaw to bring it up to date and to phase out the financial section of the bylaw into a general utilities billing bylaw. This draft bylaw cleans up redundant language, incorporates better language found in the bylaws of other municipalities, and makes it easier to interpret.

With these changes the Bylaw will focus on the regulations surrounding the utility and will not have to come before Council on an annual basis for a simple change in the fee structure.

This Bylaw will require an extra step of submitting to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval once the Bylaw reaches 3rd reading by Council.

Update Jan 13, 2020:

The Bylaw was introduced at the COTW on December 16, 2019.

Staff made some minor amendments to the Bylaw.

The Bylaw is now presented for first three readings. Council asked staff to further review the bylaw.

Update Feb 10, 2020:

Staff reviewed the bylaw further and made changes as indicated in yellow in the attached draft bylaw for convenience.

The Bylaw is now presented for first three readings.

Benefits or Impacts

General

Redrafting the bylaw keeps it current and makes it easier to interpret.

Policy/Legislation

This bylaw will be presented with a bylaw (No. 2015-R) to repeal Electrical Utility Regulatory Bylaw No. 2015 and all of its amendments.

Attachments

Draft Electrical Regulations Bylaw No. 2067 Draft Electrical Utility Repeal Bylaw, No 2015-R Electrical Utility Regulatory Bylaw, No. 2015 and amendments.

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Options

- 1. THAT Council accepts the report.
- 2. THAT Council does not accept the report.
- 3. THAT Council refers the matter back to staff for further information.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	20200210 - RFD - Electrical Regulations Bylaw - 3 readings.docx
Attachments:	 - 20200210 - Electrical Utility Regulatory Bylaw 2067-Reformatted.docx - By2015-R - Electrical Regulation Repeal Bylaw - 2019.doc - By2015 - Electrical Utility Regulatory Bylaw No. 2015, 2015.pdf - By2015-A1 - to amend Bylaw No. 2015 Electrical Utility Regulatory Bylaw.pdf - By2015-A2 - to amend Bylaw No. 2015 Electrical Utility Regulatory.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

No Signature - Task assigned to Ron Mattiussi was completed by assistant Daniel Drexler

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