

Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting

From: **Corporate Services / Building Inspection / Finance**

Date: July 19, 2018

Subject: Waiving of Building Permit Fees and extension of waiving of certain administrative fees.

Recommendation: **THAT Council authorizes staff, at its discretion, to waive various Building Permit Fees for residential dwellings affected by the flooding event of May 2018.**

THAT Council authorizes staff, at its discretion, to waive various Building Permit Fees for commercial properties affected by the flooding event of May 2018, for flooding related repairs only.

THAT Council authorizes staff, at its discretion, to continue to waive certain administrative fees including, but not limited to, disconnection / reconnection fees, NSF charges and late penalties and interest on utility bills until August 31, 2018.

Background

On May 22, 2018 Council passed three resolutions regarding the waiving of assorted fees and charges, penalties, re-connection fees, etc. to support the public in the wake of the flooding event of May 2018.

At this point staff has only issued building permit numbers but has not issued any actual building permits as those would require full cost estimates and payments by the affected public.

Waiving the building permit fees for flooding affected residential dwellings and for businesses is one of a limited amount of ways with which Council can directly support the public.

This would also entice more members of the public to get “free” building permits to ultimately ensure their own well-being as the constructions would receive full inspections.

Rockwool is also working with the City and the Recovery Team to provide a program for donations of insulation directly to affected residential dwellings. This program however requires a building permit which currently some members of the public won't obtain because of the associated fees that they may not be able to afford.

In addition, Staff is asking to extend the deadline of Resolution R176/18/05/22 until August 31, 2018, to allow staff at its discretion, to continue to waive certain administrative fees, penalties, and interest on utility bills.

Benefits or Impacts

General

Residents of the City who have experienced devastating losses during the recent flooding would not be required to pay for Building Permit fees to rebuild or repair their dwellings.

Strategic Impact



Fiscal Responsibility

- Unknown at this time

Policy/Legislation

Building and Plumbing Bylaw No. 1964

Attachments

n/a

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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.

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