



PO Box 1749
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3J 3A5, Canada

Item No. 10.1.9
Halifax Regional Council
July 6, 2010
August 3, 2010

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original signed
Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

Original signed
Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Corporate
Services and Strategy

DATE: June 24, 2010

SUBJECT: Housekeeping Amendment to By Law S-600 - Solid Waste Resource
Collection and Disposal

ORIGIN

HRM Council approval (June 22, 2010) of the interest rate and application of interest charges on past due accounts per amendments to Administrative Order 14, Interest Charges on Outstanding Accounts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve amendment to By Law S-600, Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, Section 19 Fee Payments, Subsection (c)(iii), to reference Administrative Order 14, Interest Charges on Past Due Accounts, for the application of interest charges on outstanding accounts receivable; and
2. That this meeting serve as First Reading of the amended By Law S-606, per Appendix A, and that the public hearing for this By Law amendment be waived.

BACKGROUND

At the June 22, 2010 Regional Council meeting, Council approved an amendment to Administrative Order 14, Interest Charges on Outstanding Accounts, increasing the rate of interest on past due accounts from prime plus 4% annually to 15% annually.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's approval to amend By Law S-600 to reference Administrative Order 14, for the application of interest on past due accounts.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None per this report. Overall budget implications due to the increased rate of interest is budgeted at \$300,000 for fiscal 2010-11.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement was not deemed to be necessary in this process. The approved rate of interest to be charged on past due accounts is deemed to be fair and equitable when compared to other Canadian municipalities.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Revised By Law S-606

**Housekeeping Amendments to By Law S-600
Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal
Council Report**

- 3 -

July 6, 2010

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

Report Prepared by: Jerry Blackwood, CGA, Manager of Revenue Operations, 490-6470

Financial Approval by: Gordon Roussel, Financial Consultant, 490-6468

Original signed

Report Approved by: Cathie O'Toole, CGA, Director of Finance, CFO, 490-6308

APPENDIX A:

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
“SOLID WASTE RESOURCE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL BY-LAW”
BY-LAW No. S - 600**

19. FEE PAYMENT

19.1 The following applies to the payment of fees:

- (c)(iii) ~~The interest rate to be charged on all outstanding disposal fee accounts will be four percentage points above the prime bank rate.~~

- (c)(iii) The interest rate to be charged on all outstanding disposal fee accounts will be applied and administered per Administrative Order 14, Interest Charges on Past Due Accounts.