

Managers' Reports

Request for Recommendation Priorities Committee



Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Wednesday, March 26, 2003				Report Date	Wednesday, March 19, 2003			
Recommendation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Priority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low
	Direction Only				Type of Meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open	<input type="checkbox"/>	Closed

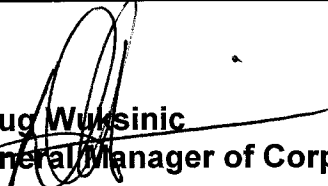
Report Title

Water/Wastewater Exemptions and Rebates


Policy Implications + Budget Impact	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified
Policy Implication:	
This will establish a new policy of exempting vacant lands from water and wastewater charges.	
Budget Impact:	
Should Council decide to implement the recommendation approximately \$121,600 in 2003 revenue will be foregone.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Background attached

Recommendation	
<p>WHEREAS Council has requested that the current policy of imposing water and wastewater service charges on vacant lands be reviewed;</p> <p>IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT Council adopt the following policy:</p>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recommendation attached

Recommended by the General Manager


Doug Wulsinic
 General Manager of Corporate Service

Recommended by the C.A.O.

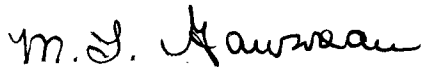

Mark Mieto
 Chief Administrative Officer

Title:

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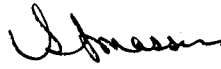
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Report Authored By



M.L. Gauvreau
Manager of Current Accounting Operations

Division Review



S. Jonasson
Director of Finance and City Treasurer

Recommendation continued:

THAT effective January 1st, 2003 vacant lands be exempt from wastewater charges;

THAT the imposition of water and wastewater charges on all properties only commence when water is turned on by the City of Greater Sudbury;

BACKGROUND:

During the recent 2003 current Budget discussions staff were directed by the Finance Committee to review Council's current policy of imposing water and wastewater service charges on vacant lands in the City of Greater Sudbury, with a view to adopting a new policy. From the Budget discussions which took place, it was evident that Councillors recognized that the current practice of imposing such charges on vacant lands required a review.

Previously, Council at its meeting held on May 16, 2002 on a recorded vote unanimously defeated a motion which would have eliminated water and wastewater service charges on vacant lands, effective January 1, 2002. And further, would only have collected imposed such charges when water services commenced.

It is recommended that Council adopt a new policy to exempt vacant lands from such charges effective January 1, 2003. The current policies regarding commercial/industrial wastewater rebate program; water/wastewater plumbing rebate program; and, the waste adjustment program would continue as-is.