

October 7, 2020

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Travis Rob, Manager of Operations and Facilities

RE: Sewer Rooting – Requests for Reimbursement

In March of 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic the Town of Fort Frances, in an attempt to protect the health and safety of its staff and limit risk of exposure stopped all in house sewer and water works including sewer rooting activities. As a result, we had been directing any calls received at the Town of Fort Frances to local contractors to complete the works. In June 2020 two requests for reimbursement were received by Council allowed for the reimbursement of private sewer rooting services for the difference between the costs for the Town to complete the works (\$117.40) and the actual invoice. In September two additional requests were considered where the same reimbursement was awarded to the property owners. The Town of Fort Frances has developed a protocol for staff to enter dwellings and has resumed sewer cleaning activities effective September 22, 2020.

Attached you will find a report from Mr. Craig Miller, P.Eng, Environmental Superintendent outlining two additional requests for reimbursement for recent sewer rodding works completed by a local contractor. It continues to be Administration's recommendation to the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee that these costs should not be reimbursed.

The Operations and Facilities Executive Committee recommends the following:

1. That the private invoice for 807 Fourth Street East be reimbursed the difference between the costs for the Town to complete the works (\$117.40) and the actual invoice.
2. That the private invoice for 225 Third Street West is not reimbursed as the contractor did not state a location of the blockage.
3. That each case continues to be considered individually going forward.
4. And that only works completed during the service reduction period related specifically to COVID-19.

Respectfully Submitted



Travis Rob, P.Eng
Manager of Operations and Facilities

Council approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee that:

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