

WAIVING THE SEWER SURCHARGE DURING COVID-19

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WHEREAS the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has impacted people all over the world including our own community of Sault Ste. Marie; and

WHEREAS the Province has enacted a declaration of emergency to help contain the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS as a result of the declaration many businesses were required to close, allowing only essential businesses to remain open; and

WHEREAS the closing of all but essential business has resulted in significant unemployment, and has caused significant financial difficulty for both employers and employees; and

WHEREAS over the last several weeks the Federal and Provincial Governments have rolled out numerous support programs for both employers and employees; and

WHEREAS it is the desire of the Sault Ste. Marie City Council to find ways in which we can help and support those in need during these difficult times of the COVID-19 pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council suspend the collection of the City of Sault Ste. Marie sewer surcharge for the months of April and May 2020;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT should the declaration of emergency carry on for an extended amount of time, that Council revisit the collection of the sewer surcharge at that time.