

WAIVING BUILDING PERMIT FEES DURING COVID-19

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WHEREAS the economic impact of COVID-19 is likely to affect the local and global economy for many months beyond the return of the economy to relative normalcy; and

WHEREAS governments around the world, and at all levels across Canada are attempting to stimulate the economy into recovery for the benefit of their residents; and

WHEREAS the City of Sault Ste. Marie wishes to contribute to the stimulation of the local economy for the benefit of local residents and businesses;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff examine the impact of a reduction of up to 25% in local building permit fees and make a recommendation on whether a reduction can be implemented, and a recommendation on the extent of any proposed reduction to spur or advance local developments that might not otherwise have been completed in 2020;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT any proposed reduction expire as of December 31, 2020 and that staff report on any proposed reduction by July 2020.