



Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87

Action Request

Meeting:	Committee of the Whole Meeting
Meeting Date:	September 17, 2024
Originated By:	Lisa Follitt, Manager of Planning and Development
Title:	Proposed Amendments to Electrical Fee Schedule for Solar Photovoltaic Systems

PROPOSAL

Administration is proposing to amend the Master Rates Bylaw to update the Planning & Development Contractor & Solar Photovoltaic Systems Fees section.

DISCUSSION

The proposed amendments to Schedule A – Master Rates and Fees Schedule are as follows:

Regarding Planning & Development, Contractor & Solar Photovoltaic Systems Electrical Fees section, Administration would like to remove the Solar Photovoltaic Systems from the contractor's Electrical Fees schedule and have a new fee schedule calculated on output instead of job value, as shown in Appendix B.

Reasons for the proposed changes are:

- Currently the fees are calculated based on the job value, Administration proposes returning to the previous method of calculating fees based on output.
- The proposed changes include separate fees for off-grid and grid-tied systems.
 - Off-grid systems typically have more components, including energy storage, which grid-tied systems do not require.
- The proposed fees are presented in a simpler, easier-to-understand table that eliminates the need to calculate the variable costs associated with different system types.
 - Proposed fees are a single page compared to 3 pages of the current fee schedule.
- The proposed fee would align with other disciplines (gas and plumbing) which calculate their fees on fixtures and outputs rather than a job value.

Attached for Committee's consideration:

- Appendix A: Bylaw 1850 - Amending Master Rates Bylaw
- Appendix B: Proposed - Electrical Fee Schedule - Solar Photovoltaic Systems

REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 3: Promote Community Development

REFERENCE TO PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL LEGISLATION

N/A

BUDGET IMPACTS

There are no budget impacts as the rates go directly to the Inspector. The M.D. Administration Fee (\$20) is not being proposed to be changed.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee requests Administration to draft a new amending Master Rates Bylaw to amend the Planning and Development, Contractor and Solar Photovoltaic Electrical Fees section within Schedule "A" Master Rates and Fees Schedule, as presented, and bring it to a future Regular Meeting of Council.

OPTIONS

1. THAT the Committee requests Administration to draft a new amending Master Rates Bylaw to amend the Planning and Development, Contractor and Solar Photovoltaic Electrical Fees section within Schedule "A" Master Rates and Fees Schedule, as presented, and bring it to a future Regular Meeting of Council.
2. THAT the Committee requests Administration to draft a new amending Master Rates Bylaw to amend the Planning and Development, Contractor and Solar Photovoltaic Electrical Fees section within Schedule "A" Master Rates and Fees Schedule, as follows: _____, and bring it to a future Regular Meeting of Council.
3. THAT the Committee requests Administration to revise the proposed amendments to the Planning and Development, Contractor and Solar Photovoltaic Electrical Fees section within the M.D. Master Rates Bylaw Schedule "A" Master Rates and Fees Schedule, as discussed, and bring it back to a future meeting for consideration.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Proposed Amendments to Master Rates Bylaw - Electrical Fee Schedule for Solar Photovoltaic Systems.docx
Attachments:	- Appendix A Bylaw 1850 - Amending Master Rates Bylaw.pdf - Appendix B 2024 Proposed - Electrical Fee Schedule - Solar Photovoltaic Systems.pdf
Final Approval Date:	Sep 10, 2024

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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