



THE DISTRICT OF HOPE

BYLAW NO. 1153

District of Hope Utility User Fees Collection and Late Payment Penalty Bylaw

WHEREAS the District of Hope provides Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services to its residents;

AND WHEREAS Section 260 of the Community Charter authorizes Council to charge fines and penalties for the enforcement of Bylaws;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the District of Hope, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the District of Hope "Utility User Fees Collection and Late Payment Penalty Bylaw, 2004, No.1153".

2. **Residential Utility User Fees:**
 - 2.1 Residential utility user fees shall be invoiced on the annually property tax notice and shall be due and payable on the same date as the annual property taxes.

 - 2.2
 - (a) A penalty of five percent (5%) shall be added to any unpaid annual utility user fees on the first business day after the due date;

 - (b) A second five percent penalty shall be added to the unpaid annual utility user fees on the first business day following the 31st day of July;

 - (c) The aggregate of subsection 2.2(a) and (b) in this bylaw shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the outstanding annual utility user fees.

 - 2.3 Less than a full year residential utility user fees are due and payable no later than 30 days after the invoice date.
 - (a) A five percent (5%) late payment penalty shall be applied to any outstanding balance on the last business day of the month following the due date;

 - (b) An additional five percent (5%) late payment penalty shall be applied to any outstanding balance on the last business day of the second month following the due date;

 - (c) The aggregate of subsection 2.3(a) and (b) in this bylaw shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the outstanding annual utility user fees.

(d) No late payment penalty will be charged in the month of December, however all outstanding balances which have accumulated in the utility accounts will be transferred to, and become part of taxes in arrears on the 31st day of December of each year as per section 258 of the Community Charter.

3. Commercial Utility User Fees:

3.1 Commercial utility user fees which are invoiced quarterly are due and payable no later than 30 days after the invoice date.

3.2 (a) A five percent (5%) late payment penalty shall be applied to any outstanding balance on the last business day of the month following the due date;

(b) An additional five percent (5%) late payment penalty shall be applied to any outstanding balance on the last business day of the second month following the due date;.

(c) The aggregate of subsection 3.2(a) and (b) in this bylaw shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the outstanding annual utility user fees.

(d) No late payment penalty will be charged in the month of December, however all outstanding balances which have accumulated in the utility accounts will be transferred to, and become part of taxes in arrears on the 31st day of December of each year as per section 258 of the Community Charter.

4. Bylaws repealed:

4.1 The “District of Hope Utility User Fees Late Payment Penalty Bylaw No. 1103” is hereby repealed.

Read for a first time by the Municipal Council of the District of Hope the 13th day of September, 2004.

Read for a second time by the Municipal Council of the District of Hope the 13th day of September, 2004.

Read for a third time by the Municipal Council of the District of Hope the 13th day of September, 2004.

Adopted by the Municipal Council of the District of Hope the 27th day of September, 2004.



Mayor



Director of Corporate Services

Certified a true copy of District of Hope “Utility User Fees Late Payment Penalty Bylaw, 2004, No.1153” as adopted.

Director of Corporate Services