

District of Barriere

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

<b>Date:</b> January 11, 2021	<b>File:</b> 530.20/Rpts
<b>To:</b> Council	<b>From:</b> Chelsea Young, Finance Officer
<b>Re: Late Payment Fees</b>	

**Background:** In 2020 and Provincial State of Emergency event of the COVID-19 pandemic Council chose to waive any late payment fees towards taxes and utilities up to December 31, 2020.

**Discussion:** Waiving the fees/penalties resulted in a downfall in revenue to the 2020 budgets as follows:

<b>Tax Penalty</b>	<b>Water Penalty</b>	<b>Sewer-SAWRC</b>	<b>Sewer- Siska</b>	<b>Sewer-Riverwalk</b>
\$20,000.00	\$6,200.00	\$1,500.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

With many closures and restrictions still in effect due to the global pandemic as we enter 2021, many income streams to the District of Barriere residents and business are still being affected.

**Recommendation:** That Council consider the attached bylaw amendment to extend the time period for waiving all late payment fees and penalties until the end of the first quarter of March 31, 2021.

Prepared by: Chelsea Young, Finance Officer  
Reviewed by: Bob Payette, CAO

**DRAFT - DISTRICT OF BARRIERE  
BYLAW NO. 191**

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**A BYLAW TO AMEND FEES AND CHARGES BYLAW NO.73**

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**WHEREAS** pursuant to the provisions of the Community Charter, Council may by Bylaw impose fees and other charges to recover the cost of a service:

**NOW THEREFORE** the District of Barriere in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited as "*Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 73, Amendment Bylaw No. 191*"
2. Bylaw No. 73, as amended, is hereby further amended by:
  - a. Replacing Section 6.1: "*Due to the unprecedented Provincial State of Emergency event of the COVID-19 pandemic, any applicable late payment fees levied under Schedule 4 of this Bylaw, as amended, are waived for the period between April 1st, 2020 and December 31, 2020.*"

with

*"Due to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, any applicable late payment fees levied under Section 4 of this Bylaw, as amended, are waived for the period of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to March 31, 2021."*

READ A FIRST TIME this                      day of                      , 2021.

READ A SECOND TIME this                      day of                      , 2021.

READ A THIRD TIME this                      day of                      , 2021.

**ADOPTED this                                      day of                      , 2021.**

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Mayor Ward Stamer

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Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer