

Report to Council



Date: December 2, 2024
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Bylaw amendments related to GEID amalgamation
Department: Utility Services

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from Utility Services dated December 2, 2024, with regards to amending Kelowna bylaws to accommodate the amalgamation of the Glenmore-Ellison Improvement District;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 12731, being Water Bylaws Amending Bylaw, be forwarded for reading consideration.

Purpose:

To amend water bylaws to clarify that certain Kelowna bylaws and policies do not apply to the Local Area Service of the Glenmore-Ellison Improvement District.

Background:

On June 17, 2024, the Province passed Order in Council (OiC) No. 343 transitioning the Glenmore-Ellison Improvement District (GEID) to the City of Kelowna (City) effective January 1, 2025. The OiC directed that the "water service of the Glenmore-Ellison Improvement District is continued as a local area service of the City of Kelowna".

Discussion:

Operating GEID as a local area service allows GEID to continue to operate under its existing bylaws and policies while the City conducts a smooth transition of the organization over the next three years. By the end of the transition period, the Glenmore-Ellison water system should be fully incorporated into Kelowna's water related policies and bylaws. When appropriate, staff will return to Council to rescind GEID specific resolutions and bylaws.

To ensure clarity to the organization and the community at large, minor changes to Bylaw 8923 (Water Service Parcel Tax) and Bylaw 10480 (Water Regulation Bylaw) are recommended to clarify that these bylaws do not apply to the GEID local area service at this time.

Conclusion:

Minor clarifications to Water Regulation Bylaw 10480 and Water Service Parcel Tax Bylaw 8923 will provide clarity to staff and the community that the GEID water system will continue to operate under its existing bylaws and policies until Council directs otherwise.

Internal Circulation:

Legislative Services

Considerations applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Clause 7 of the Order in Council clarifies that "the bylaws and resolutions of the Glenmore-Ellison Improvement District are transferred to and assumed by the City of Kelowna".

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Consultation and Engagement:

Communications Comments:

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