

Stormwater Fee Update

General Committee
November 30th, 2020

Stormwater Fee

- In 2020, the City implemented a number of property tax and fee relief measures to help residents and businesses, including eliminating the 2020 Stormwater fees for both residential and non-residential properties
- Eliminating the stormwater fee in 2020 resulted in an additional year being added to the program term and a reduction of \$9.7M of revenue in 2020
- Reinstatement of the stormwater fee is scheduled to commence in 2021
- The 2021 Stormwater fee is as follows;
 - Residential Stormwater Fee: **\$51** per residential property
 - Non-Residential Stormwater Fee: **\$28.50 per \$100K** of Current Value Assessment (CVA)
 - Example: Commercial Plaza with a CVA of \$2,000,000
 - $\$2,000,000 \times (\$28.50 / \$100,000) = \mathbf{\$570}$

2021 Property Tax Fee Relief

- Markham Council has approved a Property Tax Payment Deferral Program on an application basis to assist property owners that have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Should Council consider extending relief for the 2021 Stormwater fee, staff recommend utilizing a similar application basis to have the Stormwater fee waived for 2021.

Recommendation

1. That the presentation entitled Stormwater Fee Update be received; and,
2. That the stormwater fee be reinstated for 2021; and,
3. That Council approve the implementation of an application based program for the deferral of the 2021 stormwater fee for eligible taxpayers; and further,
4. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.