

BYLAW 33-20

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF OKOTOKS IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA TO AMEND FRANCHISE FEES BYLAW 27-18

WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter M-26 and amendments thereto, Council may pass a bylaw for the purposes of establishing franchise fee rates to be levied by utility providers operating within the Town of Okotoks; and

WHEREAS Section 360 of the *Municipal Government Act* authorizes a council to make a tax agreement with an operator of a public utility and that agreement may provide for an annual payment to the municipality by the operator in the form of franchise fees; and

WHEREAS the electrical utility provider in the Town of Okotoks is Fortis Alberta and the natural gas utility provider in the Town of Okotoks is ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. South.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Okotoks enacts as follows:

1. **SHORT TITLE**

This Bylaw shall be known as the "Franchise Fees Bylaw".

2. **ESTABLISHMENT OF FRANCHISE FEE RATES**

2.1 Alberta Utilities Commission Disposition 24880-D01-2019 shall be amended to direct ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. South to collect franchise fees under ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd. South - Method A at a rate of 20%, beginning January 1, 2021.

2.2 The Town will give written notice prior to November 1, 2020 to Fortis Alberta to collect franchise fees at a rate of 20% beginning January 1, 2021.

3. **SEVERABILITY**

It is the intention of Council that each separate provision of this Bylaw shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein and it is the further intention of Council that if any provision of this Bylaw is declared invalid, all other provisions hereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect upon third and final reading.

READ A FIRST TIME this 28th day of September, 2020.

- Original Signed -

Mayor

- Original Signed -

Chief Administrative Officer

READ A SECOND TIME this 14th day of December, 2020.

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED this 14th day of December, 2020.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer