Assessment of Recommended Stormwater Fee Structure with Guiding Principles

The following table summarizes the assessment of the current and recommended stormwater fee structure on how it aligns to the guiding principles that have guided the stormwater funding fee review as approved in Report FCS22043(a).

Guiding Principle	Current Assessment	Revised Assessment	Recommended Changes & Observations
Fairness and Equity	Fair - Requires Improvement	Very Good	Customers' contributions are proportional to their impact on the system and the cost to run the system (i.e. user-pay). User fees are non-discriminatory amongst customers and sectors.
Climate Resilient and Environmentally Sustainable	Good	Excellent	Encourages customers to become more resilient to climate change through adoption of on-site controls to reduce run-off, while providing the City with funding needed to increase system-level stormwater resiliency and protect natural resources and waterbodies from the impacts of stormwater and the harmful pollutants it carries.
Affordable and Financially Sustainable	Good	Excellent	Provides sustainable, predictable and dedicated funding. Uses full cost pricing to meet entire stormwater revenue needs at the City's desired level of service. Allows for regular fee reviews to keep pace with changes in the cost-of service delivery or desired service levels. Allows the City to address infrastructure deficiencies and unfunded liabilities. Considers the financial impact on various customer sectors and is comparable with other municipalities.
Justifiable	Fair - Requires Improvement	Very Good	Residents and businesses understand how much they contribute to stormwater management and for what the money is being used. Customers have been consulted and involved in the decision-making process. Consistent with best practices and applicable laws in order to ensure that the funding structure is justifiable and transparent if challenged.
Simple to Understand and Manage	Fair - Requires Improvement	Very Good	Readily understood by staff, Council and customers. Efficiently maintained by staff.