

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW 117-2020

To amend Chapters 767, 844 and 849 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code to allow for the indirect collection and use by the City of personal information concerning income for the purpose of establishing eligibility for the City's low-income water rate rebate, solid waste fee relief, and property tax cancellation and deferral programs.

Whereas under section 8(1) of the City of Toronto Act, 2006 (the "Act"), the City may pass by-laws to provide any service or thing that the City considers necessary or desirable for the public; and

Whereas Council has decided that, the creation and maintenance of a program that assists the public by reducing the burden in applying for City rebate programs by allowing individuals to authorize the City to indirectly collect information, including personal information, that is available from the Canada Revenue Agency through electronic means rather than requiring the submission of various paper documents is desirable for the public, by eliminating barriers to access of these City programs;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. Chapter 767, Taxation, Property Tax is amended by:
 - (a) deleting §767-12A and replacing it with the following:
 - A. Must be in writing on a form, or in another manner, approved by the Controller for this purpose.
 - (b) deleting §767-12C and replacing it with the following:
 - C. Must include supporting documentation satisfactory to the Controller:
 - (1) to establish that the property is eligible property, and to establish the amount of deferral or cancellation for which the eligible person is eligible; and
 - (2) (a) to establish that the applicant is an eligible person; or
 - (b) containing a statement on behalf of all eligible persons occupying an eligible property authorizing the City to:
 - [1] indirectly collect and use information, including personal information, from the Canada Revenue

Agency for the purpose of establishing that the applicant is an eligible person; and

[2] collect, and disclose to the Canada Revenue Agency, any additional personal information that is required by the Canada Revenue Agency for purposes of indirect collection of personal information concerning income.

2. Chapter 844, Waste Collection, Residential Properties, is amended by:

(a) deleting §844-30.1D(1) and replacing it with the following:

(1) Must be in writing on a form, or in another manner, approved by the Controller for this purpose.

(b) deleting §844-30.1D(3) and replacing it with the following:

(3) Must include supporting documentation satisfactory to the Controller:

(a) to establish that the property with respect to which the application is made is eligible for such low-income solid waste rebate, and to establish the amount of low-income solid waste rebate to which the eligible person is entitled; and

(b) [1] to establish that the applicant is an eligible person; or

[2] containing a statement on behalf of all eligible persons occupying an eligible property authorizing the City to:

(i) indirectly collect and use information, including personal information, from the Canada Revenue Agency for the purpose of establishing that the applicant is an eligible person; and

(ii) collect, and disclose to the Canada Revenue Agency, any additional personal information that is required by the Canada Revenue Agency for purposes of indirect collection of personal information concerning income.

3. Chapter 849, Water and Sewage Services and Utility Bill, is amended by:

(a) deleting §849-14.4A and replacing it with the following:

A Must be in writing on a form, or in another manner, approved by the Controller for this purpose.

(b) deleting §849-14.4C and replacing it with the following:

C. Must include supporting documentation satisfactory to the Controller:

(1) to establish that the eligible property with respect to which the application is made is eligible for such water rebate and to establish the amount of the water rebate to which the eligible person is entitled; and

(2) (a) to establish that the applicant is an eligible person; or

(b) containing a statement on behalf of all eligible persons occupying an eligible property authorizing the City to:

[1] indirectly collect and use information, including personal information, from the Canada Revenue Agency for the purpose of establishing that the applicant is an eligible person; and

[2] collect, and disclose to the Canada Revenue Agency, any additional personal information that is required by the Canada Revenue Agency for purposes of indirect collection of personal information concerning income.

Enacted and passed on January 29, 2020.

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

Ulli S. Watkiss,
City Clerk

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