



Staff Report

Finance

Report To: COW-Finance, Admin, Fire, Legal, Community Services
Meeting Date: March 13, 2023
Report Number: FAF.23.030
Title: Proposed Amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law, Solid Waste Management Fees By-law, Planning and Engineering Fees By-law, and Water and Sewer Charges By-law – Public Comments
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.23.030, entitled “Proposed Amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law, Solid Waste Management Fees By-law, and Water and Sewer Charges By-law” for information purposes.

B. Overview

This report outlines the comments from the Public Meeting for the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law, Solid Waste Management Fees By-law, and Water and Sewer Charges By-law, as well as Staff’s response to these comments.

C. Background

The proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law, Solid Waste Management Fees By-law, and Water and Sewer Charges By-law were reviewed as part of the 2023 Draft Budget. On March 7th, 2023, the Town held a Public Meeting to provide the public with the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law, Solid Waste Management Fees By-law, and Water and Sewer Charges By-law.

The 2023 budget process and document included the Fees and Charges for each Department. The draft By-laws were advertised as per the Town’s notice policy and included on the Town’s website.

Staff are proposing that these By-laws be presented for Council’s consideration at the March 27th, 2023 Council Meeting.

The Town received 1 written comment prior to the Public Meeting and the same comment was presented during the Public Meeting. Below is a summary of the comments received from the public.

D. Analysis

The following comments have been received.

Laurey Gillies – Nipissing Ridge Tennis Club

Laurey Gillies has provided Council with comments on the Community Services Fees and Charges regarding the new annual fee for 2023 of a minimum \$1,500 and a maximum of \$2,500 based on annual membership numbers (Attachment #1). Nipissing Ridge Tennis Club is requesting that this fee be modified to a minimum of \$1,000.

Staff Response – Staff welcome direction from Council on where to set this fee for 2023.

E. Strategic Priorities

1. Communication and Engagement

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders

2. Organizational Excellence

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

F. Environmental Impacts

N/A

G. Financial Impacts

The Draft Fees and Charges By-law has this fee set to \$1,500; reducing the fee down to \$1,000 has a minimal impact on the overall 2023 budget.

H. In Consultation With

Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has been the subject of a Public Meeting which took place on March 7th, 2023. Those who provided comments at the Public Meeting, including anyone who has asked to receive notice regarding this matter, has been provided notice of this Staff Report.

Any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Sam Dinsmore, Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Accounting and Budgets budgetteam@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

1. Public Comments

Respectfully submitted,

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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