



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Donna White
DATE: 04/12/2017
SUBJECT: 2018 Draft Rates & Fees By-Law
ATTACHMENTS: 2018 Draft Rates & Fees By-Law

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the 2018 Draft Fees and Charges By-law for information purposes and the By-law will be brought forward at the December 18, 2017 meeting;

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Annually the Fees and Charges By-Law is reviewed by senior staff and any recommended changes or increases in such fees and charges are presented to council for approval. HST shall be added to the applicable rates.

DISCUSSION

For the fees that have changed, the 2017 Fee has been noted in the margin. The following is a summary of the changes:

Schedule A: Administration Fees

- Added fee for "A Snippet in Time" History Book - \$50.00, otherwise no changes
- Added legislated Freedom of Information related fees

Schedule B: Animal Licence Fees – No changes

Schedule C: Building Classes & Fees – No changes

Schedule D: Cemetery – No changes

Schedule E: Public Works Fees and Charges (Including Waste) – only increases applies to materials

	2018	2017
Winter Sand – per yard	\$18.00	\$16.50
Stone – per tonne	\$6.00	\$5.00
Crushed – A Gravel per tonne	\$5.50	\$4.50
Gravel – B – Pit run per tonne	\$3.00	\$2.50

Schedule F: Licences

- Fee Added – Marriage Ceremonies - \$250.00 + HST

Schedule G: Planning Fees – Fees increased as per County of Huron

Schedule H: Recreation and Facilities

- Townhall Theatre rental rates added – no change from 2017
- New rates added for Community Groups
- No rates listed for Rec Programs – run on a cost recovery basis and prices are set according to each program’s expenses
- Fees increased by CPI @ 1.7% plus 1% Minimum Wage (offset)

Schedule I: Taxi Fees – No Changes

Schedule J: Water and Wastewater

- o Rate Increase at 3.5% based on B M Ross Rate Study (Year 4 of 5 year plan)
- o No increase in reserve charge
- o Addition - Water meters recovered at market price plus 20% admin fee

Schedule K: North Huron Children’s Programs – No Changes – Scheduled Increases are effective September 1st each year

Schedule L: Emergency and Non-Emergency Fees – No Changes

Schedule M: New Schedule – Emergency Services Training Centre

Schedule N: New Schedule - Development Charges

- o Developments Charges Schedule has been added to the by-law
- o Development Charges have increased by CPI @ 1.7%

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The new fees and charges will be incorporated into the 2018 Draft Budget.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

A comparison of the Rates and Fees for other municipalities is underway and the results will be reviewed as part of the next by-law update.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal # 4: Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.



Donna White, Director of Finance



Dwayne Evans, CAO