

Request for Decision City Council




Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	January 30, 2008				Report Date	January 24, 2008			
Decision Requested	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
	Direction Only				Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

Report Title
2008 Miscellaneous User Fees

Budget Impact / Policy Implication		Recommendation	
X	This report has been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.		
<p>No budget impact is anticipated as the 2008 rates in this Bylaw have been used in the 2008 budget.</p>		<p>THAT the appropriate Bylaw be passed to reflect the increases in the User Fees and the new fees as reflected in this report.</p>	
X	Background Attached		Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the Department	Recommender by the C.A.O.
 Lorella Hayes Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer	 Mark Mieto Chief Administrative Officer

Date: January 23, 2008

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BACKGROUND

In accordance with the current Miscellaneous User Fee Bylaw, the 2008 rates are to be increased by the greater of 3% and the September 2007 Stats Can Consumer Price Index (C.P.I.) for all items, which was 2.5%.

Most fee increases were in effect on January 1, 2008. However, some fees follow the playing season such as ice rentals and play fields, and will reflect the increase at the start of the season as opposed to the calendar year.

As of January 1, 2008 the Goods & Services Tax (GST) has been reduced from 6% to 5%. Fees where GST is applicable have been revised accordingly.

In most cases, the 2008 User Fees have been rounded to the closest \$.25, \$1.00 or \$10.00, depending on the value of the service provided.

A number of new fees have been introduced for 2008:

Department	Description	Fee
Cemetery	Glass Niche Adornment Opening	\$24.76 plus GST
Cemetery	Genealogical Searches over 4 names	\$49.52 plus GST
Cemetery	Title Search	\$150.00 plus GST
Sign Fees	Removal of Sign	greater of \$100 or actual recovery fee
Sign Fees	Storage of Removed Signs	\$10 / day

As well, the Cemetery has elected to leave fees for Mausoleum Crypts at their 2007 levels.

A bound copy of the Miscellaneous User Fee Bylaw will be circulated to Council in the near future.

RECOMMENDATION

That the appropriate Bylaw be passed to reflect the increases in the User Fees and the new fees as reflected in this report.