

TO: Administration & Finance Executive Committee

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SUBJECT: Consumer Price Index (CPI) Increase for 2019 User Fees

BACKGROUND

User Fees are an important part of the operational budget preparation for the coming year. In the past few years we have endeavored to pass the user fees, with the exception of water and sewer rates, for the upcoming year in early December.

The first step in this process is to provide the Ontario Provincial Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Canada Consumer Price index as guide for the user fee increases for the coming calendar year. The Ontario CPI indicates inflationary increase of 3.1% change for the period of July 2017 to July 2018 and the Federal CPI indicates 3.0% change for the same period as published by Statistics Canada, of which is attached for your information.

Administration is seeking direction for the inflationary increase for the 2019 user fees. Divisions will bring user fee schedules forward to their respective executive committees in November or December.