

TO: Mayor Avis & Members of Council
FROM: Laurie Witherspoon, Treasurer
DATE: October 20, 2015
SUBJECT: 2016 User Fee Schedule

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 November or early December.

The Ontario Provincial Consumer Price Index (CPI) for August 2014 to August 2015 indicates 1.2% change and the Federal CPI for August 2014 to August 2015 indicates 1.3% change as published by Statistics Canada, of which is attached for your information.

Administration is seeking direction for the inflationary increase for the 2016 user fees. Divisions will bring user fee schedules forward to their respective executive committees the week of November 2 – 6/15 for committee review and recommendation of those fees that have been identified to remain at the 2015 fee rates, or new fees established, or any fee that may require more discussion and evaluation and the exclusion of Water & Sewer rates.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration & Finance Executive committee recommends a 1.2% inflationary increase for the 2016 User Fees reflective of the Ontario Consumer Price Index. Further to direct Division Managers to affect the Ontario CPI inflationary increase to their user fees, where appropriate, for review at Executive Committee meetings during the week of November 2 – 6, 2015 with the exclusion of Water & Sewer rates.

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| <p>Council Approval of this Report will direct division managers to affect a 1.2% user fee increase for 2016, reflective of the Ontario Consumer Price Index inflationary increase, for Executive Committee review the week of November 2 – 6, 2015, with the exception of any specific fees that have been identified to remain at the 2015 user fee rates, new rates established, or any user fee that required individual evaluation, and with the exclusion of water & sewer rates that will be brought forward separately in January/February 2016.</p> |
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