

TO: Mayor Caul & Members of Council

FROM: Dawn Galusha, Treasurer

DATE: October 23, 2019

SUBJECT: Consumer Price Index (CPI) Increase for 2020 User Fees

BACKGROUND

User Fees are an important part of the operational budget preparation for the coming year. In the past we have endeavored to pass the user fees, for the upcoming year in early December in order for them to be effective in January.

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 1.7% for the period of September 2018 to September 2019 and the Federal CPI indicates a 1.9% 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.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration & Finance Executive committee recommends a 1.7% inflationary increase for the 2019 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.

<p>Council Approval of this Report will direct division managers to affect a 1.7% user fee increase for 2019, reflective of the Ontario Consumer Price Index inflationary increase, for Executive Committee review.</p>
