



REPORT

TO: Community Services Executive Committee

FROM: Jason Kabel, Community Services Division Manager

DATE: August 2, 2019

RE: Non Prime Time Ice User Fee

Background

The Memorial Sports Centre (MSC) staff have received a request from the Fort Frances High School (FFHS) administration to expand the number of ice rental hours for the FFHS Hockey Academy program for the 2019-2020 season. To be able to facilitate their request we had to communicate with the Fort Frances Lakers (email attached) to adjust their typical practice schedule. For the Lakers to adjust their schedule to accommodate the request they would have to look at early morning practices between the hours of 6am-8am. The Lakers altered their practice schedule in 2018-2019 to accommodate a change requested by FFHS as well.

The issue with the Lakers considering the 6-8am time period is that it falls within a different user fee class, as follows:

| Ice Surface Rentals | | Resident | Non-Resident |
|--|-------|----------|--------------|
| Prime Time - Opening to 8:00 A.M. Mon - Fri; 3:30 P.M. to Close. Mon - Fri; Opening to Close Saturday & Sunday | | | |
| 3.2.2.1 | Youth | 101.70 | 127.10 |
| 3.2.2.2 | Adult | 152.60 | 190.80 |
| *Non-Resident rate for hockey and figure skating programs | | | 36.95 |
| Non Prime Time - 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Mon - Fri (Excluding Holidays, School Breaks & Tournaments) | | | |
| 3.2.2.3 | Youth | 70.45 | 88.05 |
| 3.2.2.4 | Adult | 107.95 | 134.90 |

In recent years the demand for early morning ice time has diminished to the point where there is very little ice time booked other than the Border Skating Club, up to two mornings per week 6am-7:45am.

Please also see attached, the report to adjust the non prime time ice rental user fee rate effective January 2017.

Ice Time Definition Modification

| <u>Existing</u> | <u>Proposed</u> |
|---|---|
| Prime Time - Opening to 8:00 A.M. Mon - Fri; 3:30 P.M. to Close. Mon - Fri; Opening to Close Saturday & Sunday | Prime Time - Opening to 8:00 A.M. Mon - Fri; 3:30 P.M. to Close. Mon - Fri; Opening to Close Saturday & Sunday |
| Non Prime Time - 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Mon - Fri (Excluding Holidays, School Breaks & Tournaments) | Non Prime Time - 6:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Mon - Fri (Excluding Holidays, School Breaks & Tournaments) |

Recommendation

The Community Services Executive Committee recommends to Mayor & Council to redefine the non-prime time ice surface rental user fee class to include the hours 6am to 8am as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jason Kabel

Council approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Community Services Executive Committee to redefine the non-prime time ice surface rental user fee class to include the hours 6am to 8am as presented.

Jason Kabel

From: Wayne Strachan <wayne@fortfranceslakers.com>
Sent: July-31-19 4:03 PM
To: Jason Kabel
Cc: Melissa Belluz
Subject: Re: prime time fees

Hey Jason,

Yes we would like this to go to the executive committee to be asked if we could get the Lakers rate? Were we not granted a cheaper rate that was to have started on Jan. 1, 2017?

Thank you

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On Tue, Jul 23, 2019 at 11:42 AM Jason Kabel <jkabel@fortfrances.ca> wrote:

Hi Wayne,

I agree. If it is better for you to have the early morning time slot than we can take it to the executive committee to see if they'll consider charging the non-prime rate. Let me know.

Thanks,

Jason

REPORT

TO: Mayor Avis & Council

FROM: Jason Kabel, Manager of Community Services

DATE: November 4, 2016

RE: **2017 Community Services User Fee Schedule**

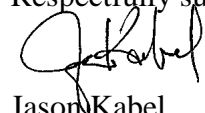
Please find attached the Community Services user fee schedule proposed for 2017. The presented fee changes have the approved 1.5% increase to the current 2016 user fee schedule with a few exemptions for consideration as follows:

1. Daycare – For the past several years, eligible residents have received an 8% discount on the posted rate for childcare services except as noted otherwise. In 2016 the posted rate for a full day of care was \$42/day, this meant that a resident of the Town would pay \$38.64/day. Over 90% of the Daycare's clients were subject to the 8% savings.
Also, it should be noted that for the past few years the Daycare has relied very little on taxation to support this valuable service to the community. After consultation with the deputy treasurer, a contributor to the Daycare budget process, it was recommended that the Daycare only support one user fee exclusive of a non-resident class. This will also create a better funding model with the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB), a significant financial contributor to the Daycare operations through fee subsidy and core services.
2. Museum – In November 2015, the CSEC approved to adjust the Museum user fees for admission such that pricing would result in a simple transaction for making change (\$4 - Special Events – Adult, \$3 Seniors/Under 12, \$12 Maximum Family Fee). There is not a large sum of money that is taken in for user fees so it was suggested to keep the Museum rates consistent for a few years and to increment fees when appropriate to a higher dollar value (2017 will be the 2nd year with the consistent rate without incurring an increment).
3. Museum – Delete the Off Peak Season Admission rate of a 'free will donation' to be consistent with the admission rates for the 'Peak Season' (Victoria Day to Thanksgiving) as noted above.
4. **Non Prime Time Ice Rental (8:00am to 3:30pm)** – A report was brought forward to the CSEC in October regarding other communities non-prime time ice rental fees as a response to the budget presentation made to Council by the Fort Frances Lakers. It was decided to take the mean average of the other comparable communities in the report (Dryden, Red Lake, & Kenora) to arrive at a user fee rate of \$67.65 per hour (~10% reduction) from the 2016 rate of \$75.45. Also, the new rate will take effect January 1, 2017 as opposed to June 1, 2017 (typical date).

Recommendation

The Community Services Executive Committee recommends to Mayor & Council to endorse in principle the attached 2017 user fee schedule as presented with a 1.5% increase over the 2016 user fees except for those noted above.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Kabel", written over the printed name below.

Jason Kabel