

**TO: Mayor Avis & Members of Council**  
**FROM: Laurie Lindberg, Treasurer**  
**DATE: October 18, 2016**  
**SUBJECT: Consumer Price Index (CPI) Increase for 2017 User Fees**

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### **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 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 1.5% change for the period of August 2015 to August 2016 and the Federal CPI indicates 1.1% 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 2017 user fees. Divisions will bring user fee schedules forward to their respective executive committees the week of November 7th for committee review and recommendation of those fees that have been identified to remain at the current year 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 1.5% inflationary increase for the 2017 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 7 – 10, 2016 with the exclusion of Water & Sewer rates.

<p>Council Approval of this Report will direct division managers to affect a 1.5% user fee increase for 2017, reflective of the Ontario Consumer Price Index inflationary increase, for Executive Committee review the week of November 7 - 10, 2016, with the exception of any specific fees that have been identified to remain at the current year rates, new rates established, or any user fee that required individual evaluation, and with the exclusion of water &amp; sewer rates that will be brought forward separately in January/February 2017.</p>
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