

TO: Mayor Avis & Members of Council

FROM: Dawn Galusha, Deputy Treasurer

DATE: October 17, 2017

SUBJECT: Consumer Price Index (CPI) Increase for 2018 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 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 2016 to August 2017 and the Federal CPI indicates 1.4% 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 2018 user fees. Divisions will bring user fee schedules forward to their respective executive committees the week of November 6th for committee review and recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration & Finance Executive committee recommends a 1.5% inflationary increase for the 2018 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 6 – 10, 2017.

<p>Council Approval of this Report will direct division managers to affect a 1.5% user fee increase for 2018, reflective of the Ontario Consumer Price Index inflationary increase, for Executive Committee review the week of November 6 - 10, 2017.</p>
