

TO: Mayor Avis & Members of Council
FROM: Laurie Witherspoon, Treasurer
DATE: November 4, 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 for the upcoming year in November or early December, with the exception of water and sewer rates

The Ontario Provincial Consumer Price Index (CPI) for August 2014 to August 2015 indicates 1.2% change and the Canada CPI for August 2014 to August 2015 indicates 1.3% change as published by Statistics Canada. On October 26, 2015, Council approved a general 1.2% user fee increase for 2016 reflective of the Ontario CPI percentage increase.

Executive Committees reviewed their division user fees the week of November 2 – 6/15. Attached to this report is the consolidated user fee schedules as recommended by the Committees to bring forward for Council approval.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration & Finance Executive committee recommends a 1.2% increase in the 2016 User Fees reflective of the Ontario Consumer Price Index, with the exception of those fees that have been identified to remain at the 2015 fee rates, new fees established, or any fee that required discussion and with the exclusion of Water & Sewer rates.

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| <p>Council Approval of this Report will Approve the 2016 User Fees Schedule as presented and further that an authorizing by-law be prepared.</p> |
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