

<b>TO:</b>	<b>CHAIR AND MEMBERS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 24, 2014</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS TO CONSOLIDATED FEES AND CHARGES BY-LAW</b>

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, with the concurrence of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, the attached proposed by-law (Appendix "A") BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting on November 25, 2014 for the purpose of repealing By-law No. A-47, as amended, being "A by-law to provide for Various Fees and Charges" and replacing it with a new Fees and Charges By-law that updates, adds and increases certain fees and charges for services or activities provided by the City of London.

<b>PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER</b>
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None.

<b>BACKGROUND</b>
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Section 391(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, authorizes a municipality to impose fees or charges on persons,

- (a) for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it;
- (b) for costs payable by it for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of any other municipality or any local board; and
- (c) for the use of its property including property under its control.

Summary of 2015 Proposed Changes to Fees and Charges

Schedule 1 to the attached proposed by-law outlines the service areas' proposed 2015 fees and charges. Any proposed new fees or increases in fees are shown in bold on Schedule 1 to the proposed by-law. The key proposed fees and charges changes are summarized as follows:

**Parks and Recreation Services**

User Fees for recreational services and facilities are re-assessed each year, with a number of factors being considered in order to make sure that programs, services, facilities and opportunities remain accessible, affordable and inclusive of all residents. Consideration includes operating costs, market analysis of other similar programs, capital developments and target markets. In order to meet its 2015 budget target, Parks and Recreation Services is recommending modest increases in the areas outlined below.

*Aquatics*

Most fees are proposed to remain unchanged, with a modest 2% increase to fees for complete swimming pool rentals, in order to recover inflationary cost increases and the impact from the minimum wage increase.

*Arenas and Sports Fields*

To maintain 2014 service level standards at our facilities, ice rentals and soccer field fees are proposed to increase by 2 to 4% to recover inflationary cost increases associated with maintenance and operation.

Baseball fees have increased by 75 cents to \$3.50 per hour at most fields, with a 10% increase for use of Labatt Park. This is in an effort to move baseball fees over time to reflect close to the cost recovery for soccer fields. Intercounty Game fees at Labatt Park are now part of the separate licence agreement with the London Majors.

New fees were established to account for new services being offered in cricket, beach volleyball and mid-size soccer.

### *Sports Services*

Adult volleyball and basketball leagues will see a 2% increase in team registration fees.

### *Storybook Gardens*

A modest increase of 25 cents for daily admissions is proposed.

### *Golf*

The various fees are proposed to be changed to allow the City of London golf system to be competitive in the market place, while maintaining the principle of providing affordable golf opportunities for Londoners. Golf is proposed to continue to be an area that is dependent solely on user fees to sustain the program. An increase of \$1 per visit for some of the green fee categories is proposed to better reflect market comparators and recover inflationary increases. Fees for golf services are proposed to be increased by a range of \$15 to \$30 per annum in the various adult membership categories.

### *Special Events*

An increase in fees for park rentals of \$5 to \$10, and a new minimum 4 hour set up fee for Civic Gardens are proposed to address inflationary costs and increases in administration.

### *Area Recreation Services*

- Gymnasium and meeting rooms will see an increase of 2%.
- Drop-in program fees will see an increase of 25 to 50 cents per visit.
- North London Optimist Community Centre will see 5% increases to memberships (\$5 to \$14 annually) and tennis court booking fees ( \$1 to \$1.50/visit)
- Seniors Centres will see annual membership increases of 5% (\$2 to \$3)
- Youth and Adult programs/camps will see increases from 4% to 12% (\$1 for PD Day camps to \$11 for a full week neighbourhood camp)

## **Development and Compliance Services**

### *Municipal Law Enforcement – Parking and Licensing*

#### Parking

A new fee is proposed for Lot 9 – Kiwanis Seniors Centre - 78 Riverside Drive to impose the following fees for those users who have not rented the facility or who do not have membership with the facility:

\$2.00 per hour  
\$5.00 per day (8 AM to 6 PM)  
\$4.00 per evening (6 PM to 12 AM)

## **Corporate Services – Finance**

### *Revenue Division*

The Revenue Division is proposing increases to requests for various tax certificates and administration fees related to taxation. The proposed fees for 2015 are based on a review of similar fees currently charged by other municipalities and projected Division expenses and revenues for 2015.

**Housing, Social Services and Dearness Home Services**

*Long Term Care*

A proposed increase from \$340.00 to \$350.00 for hair salon rental fee per month is proposed as there has not been an increase to this fee since 2005. The proposed increase of 3% reflects an inflationary increase.

The fees relating the staff escorts to medical clinic appointments (up to 3 hours) is proposed to be increased from \$75.00 to \$90.00. Fees staff escorts after 3 hours is proposed to be increased from \$25.00 per hour to \$35.00 per hour. The proposed increases will offset inflationary increases to salaries and benefits.

**Engineering and Environmental Services**

*Garbage Recycling & Composting*

A cost recovery fee of \$80.00 for a recycling cart is proposed.

<b>RECOMMENDED BY:</b>	<b>CONCURRED BY:</b>
<b>CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK</b>	<b>MARTIN HAYWARD MANAGING DIRECTOR, CORPORATE SERVICES AND CITY TREASURER, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</b>