

COMMUNICATION 131141

Received from: Joanne Henderson, Manager of Recreation and Culture
Addressed to: Committee of the Whole
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Topic: Recreation and Pool User Fees

SUMMARY:

Council previously considered increasing recreation user fees at its August 25, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting. The decision was deferred to a later date. Staff is recommending that Council increase recreation user fees effective January 1, 2021 by approximately 3%.

BACKGROUND:

This is a further communication to Communication Nos. 131092 and 131093 presented at the August 25, 2020 meeting of the Committee of the Whole which presented an approximate 3% increase to both regular season ice rental rates and pool user fees.

At that time, Council defeated the motion to increase the 2020/2021 Regular Season Ice Rental rates and the 2020/2021 Pool User Fees until a later date when more information regarding financial support from other levels of government becomes available.

COMMENT:

The Town received \$284,900 in Phase 1 funding under the Safe Restart Program and has made an application for funding under Phase 2 of the program. It is unknown when the Town will receive a decision on its Phase 2 application.

Given the shortage in funding to help balance the Recreation and Pool budgets in 2021, Staff is recommending that the ice rental rates and pool user fees increases of approximately 3% outlined in Communications 131092 and 131093 be approved by Council to take effect January 1, 2021 and remain in effect until September 5, 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The increase to recreation user fees and pool user fees will result in an approximate \$10,000 and \$10,000 in additional revenue respectively for the Department for the period to September 5, 2021.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the proposed approximate 3% increase to Regular Season Ice Rental Rates and Pool User rates be approved for the period January 1, 2021 to September 5, 2021.