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2019 User Fees and Charges – Fire Services Staff Report

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Recommendations

1. That the report entitled 2019 User Fees and Charges – Fire Services be received; and,
2. That the attached Schedule 'A' being the Town of Newmarket 2019 Fire Services Fees Schedule be approved and,
3. That the fee adjustments come into full force and effect January 1, 2019.

Executive Summary

See below.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to recommend adjustments to the user fees and charges in Fire Services for 2019.

Background

Based on the Service Pricing Policy, fees and charges are categorized by user and type of service. Fire Service Fees are considered a Consumer Good. It is preferable, or in the best interest of the user or community, to influence the use of the service for the overall health, safety, security and sustainability of the whole community.

All rates and fees are reviewed annually and adjusted in accordance with the Annual Budget Review Process and application of the Service Pricing Policy.

Discussion

The proposed change to 2019 fees and charges for Fire Services is a 2.8% increase to reflect service cost increases including wages and benefits. The increase does not apply to those fees regulated or established by Provincial legislation or third party.

CYFS has been retained to provide emergency services for the Township of King and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. As per the agreements, CYFS receives an Annual Retainer Fee and Per Call Fee from King and Whitchurch-Stouffville. The annual retainer fee is adjusted annually by an amount equal to the percentage increase or decrease in the approved budget of CYFS.

Conclusion

Attached is the proposed Fire Service user fee schedule for 2019.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

The adoption of the 2019 Fees and Charges by-law, implementing adjustments to Fire Services Fees, lies within the key focus area Well-equipped and managed of the Community Strategic Plan.

Consultation

Advertisement on the Town of Newmarket's website has been provided in accordance with the Town's Notice By-law and distribution of the Committee of the Whole agendas. In addition, notice has been given through advertisement on the Town Page of the local newspaper in advance of Council's consideration.

Human Resource Considerations

Not applicable to this report.

Budget Impact

The additional impact of the adjustment to Fire Services fees is not material.

Attachments

Schedule A – 2019 User Fees – Fire Services

Approval

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