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JOINT CAO, COMMISSIONERS AND CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT - FINANCIAL SERVICES – 2016-49

TO: Mayor Tony Van Bynen and Members of Council

SUBJECT: 2017 Fees and Charges - Overview

ORIGIN: Director, Financial Services/Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION

- a) **THAT Joint CAO, Commissioners and Corporate Services Report - Financial Services – 2016-49 dated November 14, 2016 regarding 2017 Fees and Charges - Overview be received for information purposes.**

COMMENTS

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the reports on 2017 fees and charges that will be coming to Council for approval.

Budget Impact

Adjustments to fees and charges being proposed at this time are being calculated insofar as their impact on the 2017 budget. Further information on this will be available as part of the budget process.

Summary

The fees and charges that will be presented to the Committee of the Whole on November 28 include:

- Water and Wastewater Rates (report 2016-46)
- Fire Services (report 2016-52JCYFS)
- Planning Act Fees (report 2016-51JDIS)
- General Fees and Charges (report 2016-50)
- Stormwater Rates (report 2016-55)

These changes will be effective January 1, 2017.

Adjustments to 2017 Recreation fees and Licensing fees were approved by Council on September 12, 2016. No change is proposed to Building Permit Fees for 2017.

Background

The annual update of fees and charges includes a review of market conditions, participation rates and external factors. The Service Pricing Policy (SPP), established in 2007, balances costs between user groups and taxpayers and allows for long-term financial sustainability. The proposed 2017 fees and charges adhere to the current SPP.

In a regular business planning and budget cycle, fees and charges updates are submitted in two streams: fees for Recreation & Culture, and Licensing for early approval in September; the remaining fees in late November or December. The goal is to have them become effective on January 1 of the new fiscal year.

BUSINESS PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGES

This report links to Newmarket's key strategic directions in being *Well Managed through fiscal responsibility*.

CONSULTATION

Advertisement on the Town of Newmarket's website has been provided for a three-week period in advance of the public meeting (Council on December 5). In addition, notice has been given through advertisement on the Town Page of the local newspaper in advance of Council's consideration of the fee adjustments. These fees and charges are being presented as part of the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for November 28, 2016.

BUDGET IMPACT

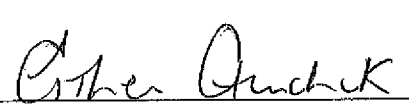
The individual reports will recommend fees and charges that should allow them to achieve their cost recovery targets.

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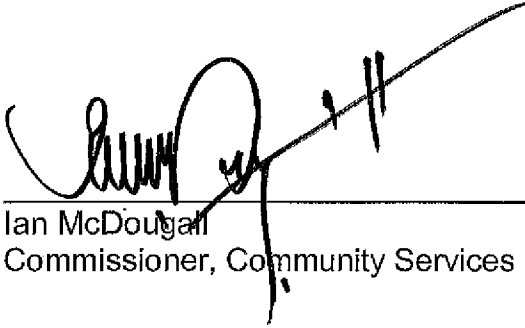
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