



## **The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle**

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

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**Department:** Culture and Recreation

**Date of Report:** December 13, 2022

**Report Number:** CR-2023-01

**Subject:** Proposed ice and sports fields rental fee increases

### **Recommendation**

That the report of the Director of Culture and Recreation dated December 13, 2022 (CR-2023-01) regarding the proposed increases to ice and sports field rental fees be received and that the recommendation to increase ice and sports field rental fees by three percent in 2023 be approved.

### **Report**

The substantial rise in inflation and the increased costs for goods and services along with increases to labour costs has impacted the Culture and Recreation operating budget. In order to maintain strong public service in a fiscally responsible manner as outlined in the Strategic Plan, we must make every attempt to recover our costs when possible.

Administration has completed its annual review of user fees and is proposing an increase to ice and sports field rental rates of three (3%) percent to off-set the impact on the tax base. The Capital Investment Fee, which is included in the user fee for all rentals, is proposed to increase from \$5.20 to \$5.40 per hour. If approved, the proposed fee increases would go into effect based on the following schedule:

Sports Fields: May 1, 2023

Ice: September 1, 2023

Regular user groups were notified of the proposed changes in an email memo sent on November 24, 2022.

Appendix A provides a detailed breakdown of fee increases. With the exception of the Capitol Reinvestment Fee, rental rates have not increased since 2019, and in some cases even prior to that. A summary of proposed increases is as follows:

- Ice rates would increase anywhere from \$3.50 up to \$5.60 per hour, based on the time of day
- Baseball diamond rates would increase anywhere from \$0.65 per hour to \$0.85 per hour based on the diamond location
- Soccer fields would increase by \$0.48 per hour

Also included in Appendix A is a comparison of rates throughout Essex County. You will notice that LaSalle falls in the mid-range for rental fees.

## Consultations

Finance

## Financial Implications

Estimated increased revenue of \$12,810.00

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## Link to Strategic Goals

1. Enhancing organizational excellence - Not Applicable
2. Strengthen the community's engagement with the Town - Not Applicable
3. Grow and diversify the local economy - Not Applicable
4. Build on our high-quality of life - Not Applicable
5. Sustaining strong public services and infrastructure - Yes

## Communications

N/A

**Notifications**

N/A

**Report Approval Details**

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| Attachments:         | - Appendix A - for January 24 2023 Council Report on User Fee Increases.pdf |
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:



Chief Administrative Officer

Joe Milicia