

Charge for Use Sport Fields Rates and Fees for 2022 to 2023

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2022 and 2023 rates and fees for Charge for Use Sport Fields, included in the proposed 2022/2023 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget, as outlined in this report, be approved.

ISSUE

The current City Council approved rates end following the 2021 season; this report recommends rates and fees for the 2022 and 2023 seasons.

BACKGROUND

Recreation and Community Development allocates over 280 sport fields, including 97 charge sport fields, to accommodate a variety of outdoor sporting activities, including soccer, softball, slo-pitch, baseball, football, ultimate frisbee, cricket, and lacrosse. These activities are organized by various local youth and adult sport organizations. Sport fields are located in neighbourhood, district, multi-district, and special-use parks, serving both regular league and tournament play, including provincial and national competitions.

In accordance with Council Policy No. C03-030, Recreation Facilities – Rental Fees, charge for use sport field rates are set to recover 100% of recoverable costs above the basic service level. The basic service level provides routine maintenance for all City of Saskatoon-owned parks, including mowing, irrigation, aeration, fertilization and weekly garbage collection. Maintenance and services above the basic service level includes additional mowing, irrigation, aeration, fertilization, pest control, top dressing, shale maintenance and additional garbage collection during the season.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Charge for Use Sport Fields - Proposed Rates

The proposed rates are to ensure full cost recovery is maintained for 2022/2023 for all services and maintenance costs above the basic service level and is based on projected usage figures and operating costs. The following table outlines the proposed rates:

Sport Fields: Proposed 2022-2023 Per Game (two hours) Fee Schedule (plus GST)				
Classification	Field	2021 Approved	2022 Proposed	2023 Proposed
Class I Fields with Lights	Multi-Purpose	\$91.50	\$126.00	\$126.00
Class I Fields without Lights	Multi-Purpose/ Ball Diamonds	\$61.50	\$64.00	\$64.00
Class II Fields	Multi-Purpose/ Ball Diamonds	\$59.00	\$61.50	\$61.50
Class III Fields	Multi-Purpose/ Ball Diamonds	\$53.50	\$54.00	\$54.00

Note: tournament rate is four times the game rate. Discount for rainouts - every tenth game free

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Proposed rates and fees described are in accordance with Council Policy No. C03-030, Recreation Facilities – Rental Fees. Charge for use sport field rates are set to recover 100% of recoverable costs above the basic service level. The proposed rates and fees have been included in the preparation of the 2022/2023 budget. The budgeted revenue increase related to the rate increase is \$24,300 in 2022 with no rate increase in 2023.

The rates and fees to use the Class I Fields with Lights, UMEA and Newsham multi-purpose fields, is set at 100% cost recovery for electrical charges.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental, privacy, or CPTED implications or considerations.

Business Line: Recreation and Culture

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