

Sport Fields Rates – 2020/2021

Recommendation

That rates and fees for sport fields for 2020-2021, effective January 1, 2020, as included in the proposed 2020 and 2021 Preliminary Operating Budget, be approved.

Issue

The Administration is requesting approval that the sport fields rates and fees remain at the approved 2019 rate for both 2020 and 2021.

Background

The Recreation and Community Development Division allocates over 280 sport fields, including 103 charge sport fields, to accommodate a variety of outdoor sporting activities such as 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 Policy No. C03-030, Recreation Facilities – Rental Fees, charges for use sport field rates are set to recover 100% of recoverable costs above the basic service level. 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 and additional garbage collection during the season.

Discussion/Analysis

Charge for Use Sport Fields - Proposed Rates

The proposal to keep the rates at the existing 2019 approved rates is anticipated to continue to ensure full cost recovery is maintained for 2020 and 2021 for services and maintenance 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 2020-2021 Per Game (two hours) Fee Schedule (plus GST)				
Classification	Field	2019 Approved	2020 Proposed No Increase	2021 Proposed No Increase
Class I Fields*	Multi-Purpose/ Ball Diamonds	\$61.50	\$61.50	\$61.50
Class II Fields	Multi-Purpose/ Ball Diamonds	\$59.00	\$59.00	\$59.00
Class III Fields	Multi-Purpose/ Ball Diamonds	\$53.50	\$53.50	\$53.50

*Class I Fields have an additional charge of \$15.00 per hour when lights are in use.

- Tournament rate is four times the game rate.
- Discount for rainouts - every tenth game free.

Implications

The proposed rates and fees described are in accordance with 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 were included in the preparation of the 2020-2021 operating budget.

Rates and fees to use the Class I Fields with lights, UMEA and Newsham multi-purpose fields, is set at 100% cost recovery for the additional electrical charges related to these facilities.

There are no legal, social, policy or environmental implications identified.