
2006 BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE

Public Notice - User Fee Changes Proposed in the 2006 Operating Budget Requiring a 4-day Notice Period

Issue/Background:

This briefing note identifies changes to existing user fees and charges as well as new fees being recommended to change through the 2006 Operating Budget Process in compliance with the notice requirements under Part XII of the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Ontario Regulation 244/02 for new fees and charges or changes to existing fees and charges.

The Municipal Act, 2001 empowers municipalities to impose fees or charges for specific services and/or privileges that they provide. Fees that are imposed under the authority of Part XII, Fees and Charges, of the Municipal Act, 2001 are subject to notice requirements that must be met prior to implementation. For fees and charges that fall under sections 12 and 13 of the regulations (e.g. waste, water, sewer, police and fire), the requirement is a 21-day notice period and with the exception of water rates there are no fee changes requiring this notice period. This Briefing Note lists the fees and charges that fall under section 14 and require a 4-day notice period.

Since many fees and charges are introduced or changed as part of the annual operating budget process, the City must ensure compliance with legislative requirements as fees are considered during the budget review process. Unless specified by the Municipal Act, 2001, City Council determines the type of notice required under certain sections of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 162.

Key Point(s):

- The Secretariat Protocol for the Statutory Notice Requirements under the Municipal Act, 2001 report, prepared by the City Clerk, addresses details of the notice requirements for changes in fees and charges.
- Appendix A lists proposed changes to user fees and charges in 2006 that fall under section 14 of the Municipal Act, 2001 and Ontario Regulation 244/02. The City must ensure that before passing a by-law to change existing fees and charges or implement new fees and charges, the prescribed minimum 4-day notice requirement has been satisfied.
- Notice of intention to change these user fees as part of the 2006 Operating Budget process will be posted on the City of Toronto website during the month of December 2005 in order to satisfy the prescribed notice requirements. The Policy & Finance Committee and the Budget Advisory Committee will hear deputations on February 16, 2006.

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Attachment:

Appendix A – Exceptions Report for Proposed User Fee Changes

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Appendix A
2006 USER FEE ANALYSIS

USER FEE CHANGE - PROPOSED RATE INCREASE IN 2006 REQUIRING 4-DAY NOTICE PERIOD

User Fee	2005 Fee	2006			Departmental Contact Name / Phone No.
		Proposed Fee in 2006	Fee Increase Over 2005		
			\$	%	
City Clerk's Office					
Birth Registration - per registration	27.50	35.00	7.50	27.3%	Teresa Tedesco 416-392-4373
Births - Travel Letters - per letter	25.00	35.00	10.00	40.0%	Teresa Tedesco 416-392-4373
Office of the Treasurer					
Interactive Voice Response telephone payment (IVR)	1.00	1.50	0.50	50.0%	Anthony Fabrizi 416-392-5880
Internet-based Parking Ticket Payment - (new service fee)	0.00	1.50	1.50		Anthony Fabrizi 416-392-5880
Parks, Forestry & Recreation					
Early Childhood Programs					
General Day Camp (1/2 day)-Subscriber, weekly session	19.50	22.00	2.50	12.8%	Kelvin Seow 416-395-6190
Children's Programs					
General Day Camp (1/2 day)-Subscriber, weekly session	19.50	22.00	2.50	12.8%	Kelvin Seow 416-395-6190
General Day Camp (full day)-Subscriber, weekly session	35.00	40.00	5.00	14.3%	Kelvin Seow 416-395-6190
Youth Programs					
General Day Camp (1/2 day)-Subscriber, weekly session	19.50	22.00	2.50	12.8%	Kelvin Seow 416-395-6190
General Day Camp (full day)-Subscriber, weekly session	35.00	40.00	5.00	14.3%	Kelvin Seow 416-395-6190
Toronto Zoo					
Zoomobile Tour	5.00	7.00	2.00	40.0%	Robin Hale 416-392-5913
Camel Ride	5.00	6.00	1.00	20.0%	Robin Hale 416-392-5913
Pony Ride Concession	4.00	5.00	1.00	25.0%	Robin Hale 416-392-5913
Simulator Concession	5.00	6.00	1.00	20.0%	Robin Hale 416-392-5913
Theatres					
St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts					
Rentals - Jane Mallet Theatre Resident License - per day	732.00	754.00	22.00	3.0%	Dorothy Carter 416-366-1656 Ext. 264
Rentals - Jane Mallet Theatre - One-offs per day	1,360.00	1,400.00	40.00	2.9%	Dorothy Carter 416-366-1656 Ext. 264
Rental - Bluma Appel Theatre Resident - per week	7,626.00	7,980.00	354.00	4.6%	Dorothy Carter 416-366-1656 Ext. 264
Rentals - Bluma Appel Theatre Resident - One-off - per day	3,500.00	2,500.00	(1,000.00)	(28.6%)	Dorothy Carter 416-366-1656 Ext. 264

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	\$	\$	\$	%	
<i>Toronto Centre for the Arts</i>					
Main Stage Rentals - Daily theatre rental fee	6,671.10	8,229.90	1,558.80	23.4%	Pim Schotanus 416-733-9388 Ext. 6075
Recital Hall Rentals - Daily theatre rental fee	4,973.50	5,624.40	650.90	13.1%	Pim Schotanus 416-733-9388 Ext. 6075
Studio Theatre Rentals - Daily theatre rental fee	650.10	719.70	69.60	10.7%	Pim Schotanus 416-733-9388 Ext. 6075