



Committee Report Report Item

Considered by City Council on
November 13, 2013
November 14, 2013
November 15, 2013
November 18, 2013

Community Development and Recreation Committee

CD24.3		Referred		Ward:All
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Overview of Fees for Recreation Programs

City Council Decision

City Council on November 13, 14, 15 and 18, 2013, referred Item CD24.3 back to the Community Development and Recreation Committee for further consideration.

Committee Recommendations

The Community Development and Recreation Committee recommends that:

1. City Council direct that universal access to recreation services be provided in all recreation centres in the City of Toronto, and that the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer include the necessary resources in the 2014 recommended budget subject to the 2014 budget review process.
2. City Council receive the report (October 11, 2103) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, for information.

Origin

(October 11, 2013) Report from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Summary

City Council adopted Parks, Forestry and Recreation's 2013-2017 Recreation Service Plan in November 2012. The Plan will guide the City of Toronto's planning and delivery of recreation programs and services over the next five years. An Implementation Plan was approved in July 2013.

This report responds to several City Council directions to Parks, Forestry and Recreation related to user fees: a review of user fees; the extent to which user fees are a barrier to participation; the health and social benefits of recreation; the financial impact of extending universal access to all recreation programming; and the financial implications of eliminating leisure swimming fees for children and youth in 2014.

This report aligns with the 2013-2017 Recreation Service Plan and is consistent with the Corporate User Fee Policy approved in 2011 that ensures consistency in establishing and administering the City's user fee program. Parks, Forestry and Recreation will be reporting to City Council in late 2015 with a formal user fee review of all recreation programs and services

as required by the policy.

Background Information (Committee)

(October 11, 2013) Report with Appendices A, B, and D from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation on Overview of Fees for Recreation Programs

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-62546.pdf>)

(October 11, 2013) Appendix C

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/cd/bgrd/backgroundfile-62547.pdf>)

Background Information (City Council)

(November 5, 2013) Transmittal from the Board of Health on Overview of Fees for Recreation Programs (CD24.3a)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-63504.pdf>)

Communications (Committee)

(October 28, 2013) E-mail from Mark J. Richardson (CD.New.CD24.3.1)

Communications (City Council)

(November 13, 2013) E-mail from David Cox (CC.New.CD24.3.2)

Speakers

Mark J. Richardson (Submission Filed)