

December 9, 2013

To: Budget Committee

From: Parks and Environment Committee

Subject: Parks Sports Field Maintenance and Fees

Committee Decision:

The Parks and Environment Committee referred the following recommendations to the Budget Committee for consideration with the 2014 Operating Budget process.

- 1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to implement the sports field permit fees (including HST) for children and youth organizations for the 2014 season as follows:**
 - \$6/hour for A fields**
 - \$4/hour for B fields**
 - \$2/hour for C fields;**
- 2. City Council amend Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, as necessary, to include the new sports field permit fees for children and youth organizations.**

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Parks and Environment Committee also recommended that:

1. City Council endorse Parks, Forestry and Recreation's achievements to date on the service levels requested as per City Council approved Item EX21.8, and its continued efforts to improve sports field conditions.
2. City Council endorse the 5% discount for non-profit, resident permit holders booking seasonal permits for 16 consecutive weeks or more, as identified in the Sports Field Playability and Responsibility Guidelines (Appendix B) in the report ((November 21, 2013) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, if the new sports field permit fees outlined above are approved.

Background Information

(November 21, 2013) Report from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation on the Parks Sports Field Maintenance and Fees

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-64041.pdf>)

Appendix A: Letter to Sports Organizations

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-64042.pdf>)

Appendix B: Sports Field Playability and Responsibility Guidelines

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-64043.pdf>)

Appendix C: IPHC Maintenance Program

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-64044.pdf>)

Appendix D: Comparison of Turf Cultural Practices from 2012 to 2013

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-64045.pdf>)

Appendix E - Sports Fields Classification/Rating Standards

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-64019.pdf>)

Communications

(December 3, 2013) E-mail from Howard Birnie, President, Leaside Baseball Association (PE.New.PE24.2.1)

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Item PE24.2

Attachments

cc: General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation