

Administrative Report

Office of the Director of Financial Services/Treasurer

To: Warden McNamara and Members of County Council

From: Sandra Zwiers, MAcc, CPA, CA Director of Financial Services/Treasurer

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Subject: Proposed Revisions to Fees and Charges By-Law

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Purpose

To recommend amendments to the County of Essex Fees and Charges Bylaw.

Background

In accordance with the By-law which establishes the fees and charges for the County of Essex, an annual review is undertaken by Administration to determine if there is a need to amend any of the approved fees and charges.

The fees and charges were last reviewed in March 2019.

Discussion

In conjunction with the development of the proposed 2020 departmental budgets, County Administration was asked to review the applicable fees and charges in each department/service area and to make recommendations for any revisions if deemed appropriate.

The review has resulted in amendments being recommended for the 2020 fees and charges By-law. The recommended amendments are highlighted in Appendix I attached and summarized as follows:

- a) Schedule A Addition of fees relating to:
 - 1) Special Event / Training A fee to recover up to the actual cost of the provision of special events or training sessions coordinated by the County of Essex
- b) Schedule C Increase of fees relating to:
 - 1) Room Rental Fee Room A from \$23.50 to \$24.00 per hour
 - 2) Room Rental Fee Rooms B, C, D, E and cafeteria from \$47 to \$48 per hour
 - 3) Room Rental Fee Committee, Council Chambers upon approval of CAO and/or Building Manager from \$60 to \$61.25 per hour
- c) Schedule C Addition of fee relating to:
 - 1) Flat Rate Rental by a Local County Municipality \$262.50 per day

Financial Implications

Fees and charges are recommended at rates that recover costs up to a maximum of actual costs incurred in accordance with the Municipal Act.

Recommendation

That County Council adopt By-Law 2020-13, which establishes the fees and charges for the Corporation of the County of Essex for 2020.

Respectfully Submitted

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Originally Signed by Sandra Zwiers, MAcc, CPA, CA, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer Concurred With,

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Appendix No.	Title of Appendix
А	Schedules A to G – By-Law 2020-13