

STAFF REPORT TO FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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DATE: August 15, 2022

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Andy Beesley, Director of Recreation & Events

SUBJECT: 2022-2023 Aquatics Fees and Charges Update

ATTACHMENT(S): Proposed Fees and Charges Update 2022-2023 (Schedule B-4)

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council GIVES FIRST THREE READINGS to “City of Prince George Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 7557, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 9339, 2022.”

PURPOSE:

Council is requested to review the financial information described in this report and approve the proposed approach with respect to Fees and Charges Bylaw (Schedule B-4 Aquatics) for the remaining of 2022 and 2023 for the purpose of operating the new Canfor Leisure Pool. While almost all aquatics fees and charges are the same for the Aquatic Centre and the new pool, there are some revisions to the bylaw needed to reflect the correct name of the department, remove “Four Seasons Leisure Pool” and replace it with “Canfor Leisure Pool” for all prices that remain the same for both, and revise some fees and charges as outlined in detail in this report.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The City’s Fees and Charges Bylaw supports Council’s priorities of Sustainable Fiscal Management, Sustainable Infrastructure and Organizational Excellence.

POLICY/REGULATORY ANALYSIS:

Sustainable Finance Guideline #4 provides guidance for user fees along with Section 194 of the Community Charter. The City of Prince George provides aquatic services that benefit the community funded through subsidized user fees.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The Comprehensive Fees and Charges (Schedule B-4 Aquatics) was updated in 2020 and provided 3% rate increases annually to the end of the 2023 calendar year. Administration is seeking Council approval to amend the (Schedule B-4 Aquatics) incorporating the new downtown pool until the end of 2023 at which time, Council would then set the rates for future years. The proposed fees reflect the goal of keeping the existing subsidization rates of the City’s aquatic facilities in a manner that is consistent with recent years.

The proposed amendments include:

B-4 (a) – Language Update (definition): Update the language to better represent the Recreation & Events Department.

FROM: Recreation/Leisure Activities:

Includes a variety of leisure pursuits such as sports (swimming, diving, synchronized swimming, and water polo), fitness activities and unstructured play where participation in the activity is the main purpose.

TO: Recreation & Event Activities:

Includes a variety of recreation and event pursuits such as swimming lessons, water safety, fitness, sport (swimming, diving, artistic swimming, water polo etc.) special events and general unstructured recreation/play in the pool.

B-4 (b) – Language Update: Remove all references of PGAC & FSLP.

FROM: Public Admissions (taxes not included) FSLP & PGAC

TO: Public Admissions (taxes not included)

B-4 (c) – Fee Update: Remove Main or Leisure Pool (FSLP) rates and add Main & Teach (Canfor Leisure Pool) rates and Leisure Pool (Canfor Leisure Pool) rates to accommodate appropriate fees for increased pool space and amenities.

FROM:

Lane and Pool Recreation Hourly Rental (subject to additional staff charges)		Rates effective January 1 st - December 31 st			
		2020	2021	2022	2023
Main or Leisure Pool (FSLP)	Standard	\$155.00	\$160.00	\$165.00	\$170.00
	Discount Adult	\$97.00	\$100.00	\$103.00	\$106.00
	Discount Youth	\$67.00	\$69.00	\$71.00	\$73.00

TO:

Lane/Pool Hourly Rental (subject to additional staff charges)		Rates effective September 1 st 2022			
		2020	2021	2022	2023
Main & Teach (Canfor Leisure Pool)	Standard			\$210.00	\$216.00
	Discount Adult			\$129.00	\$133.00
	Discount Youth			\$92.00	\$95.00
Leisure Pool (Canfor Leisure Pool)	Standard			\$210.00	\$216.00
	Discount Adult			\$129.00	\$133.00
	Discount Youth			\$92.00	\$95.00

B-4 (d) – Fee Update: Remove FSLP dry room and add Multipurpose Rooms (Canfor Leisure Pool) rates to accommodate appropriate fees for increased space and amenities at the new pool.

FROM:

Dry Room Recreation Hourly		Rates effective January 1 st - December 31 st			
		2020	2021	2022	2023
Meeting Room Aquatic Centre Four Seasons	Hourly	\$15.50	\$16.00	\$16.50	\$17.00
	Daily	\$63.00	\$65.00	\$67.00	\$69.00
	Evening	\$31.00	\$32.00	\$33.00	\$34.00

TO:

Room Bookings (Recreation)		Rates effective January 1 st - December 31 st			
		2020	2021	2022	2023
Multipurpose Room (Aquatic Centre)	Hourly	\$15.50	\$16.00	\$16.50	\$17.00
	Daily	\$63.00	\$65.00	\$67.00	\$69.00
	Evening	\$31.00	\$32.00	\$33.00	\$34.00
		Rates effective September 1 st 2022			
Multipurpose Room (Canfor Leisure Pool)	Hourly - Room 1 or 2			\$33.00	\$34.00
	Hourly - Room 1 & 2			\$66.00	\$68.00
	Evening - Room 1 or 2			\$66.00	\$68.00
	Evening - Room 1 & 2			\$132.00	\$136.00
	Daily - Room 1 or 2			\$133.00	\$137.00
	Daily - Room 1 & 2			\$266.00	\$274.00

B-4 (e) – Fee Update (two dollar admission): Replace the two dollar admission on weekdays with the Discount Admission (child admission rate) allowing discount swims to increase when bylaw fees increase. Remove the 9pm two dollar admission as a result of the Aquatic Centre closing at 9pm vs. 10pm.

FROM:

Two Dollar Admission (tax not included)	FSLP	PGAC
Monday - Friday	12:00pm - 1:00pm	12:00pm - 1:00pm
Monday - Friday	2:00pm – 3:00pm	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Monday - Thursday	N/A	9:00pm – 10:00pm
Swim Lessons	Customers registered in swimming lessons (caregiver included) may swim before or after lessons	
Pro-D Days	Two Dollar Admission Swims are valid during all School District #57 Professional Development Days.	
Two dollar admission swims are not valid during special events, statutory holidays, and school vacations. Two dollar admission does not apply to school bookings or group bookings.		

TO:

Discount Admissions (taxes not included) Aquatic Centre & Canfor Leisure Pool	Rates effective September 1, 2022			
	2021	2021	2022	2023
Monday – Friday: 12:00pm-1:00pm & 2:00pm-3:00pm			\$4.00	\$4.10
Non-Instructional Days: Discount Swims are valid during all School District #57 non-instructional days.			\$2.00	\$2.00
Swimming Lessons: Customers registered in lessons (caregiver included) may swim before or after lessons			\$2.00	\$2.00
Discount Admissions are not valid during special events, statutory holidays and school vacations and does not apply to school bookings or group bookings.				

B-4 (f) – Fee Update (lockers): Remove the small locker fee and have all lockers at the same rate to accommodate having only one size of locker at the Canfor Leisure Pool and apply a consistent number of tokens (1) being used at either pool.

FROM:

Locker Rentals (tax included)	FSLP	Large
Small Lockers	\$.25	\$.35
Medium Lockers	\$.50	\$.70

TO:

Locker (tax included)	Rates effective September 1, 2022
Aquatic Centre & Canfor Leisure Pool	\$.75 all lockers

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

Council has a strategic priority for continuing progressive and responsible fiscal management. Administration seeks Council approval of the proposed fee updates that represent stable, predictable and consistent fees that maintain the current cost recovery rates within the Aquatic Division.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Meeting date: August 15, 2022