

Request for Decision

Municipally Owned Trailer Parks - 2012 Payment Plan Fees

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Committee

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Recommendation

WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury operates three (3) seasonal trailer parks, and;

WHEREAS there has been public interest in extending the camping season by 18 days (opening daily on Victoria Day weekend and closing the third Sunday in September), and;

WHEREAS Council approved an increase in user fees in 2012 in order to align the rates with Provincial Park rates, and;

WHEREAS the increase in rates will cover the additional cost for the additional 18 camping days, and;

WHEREAS campers have requested that the City implement a payment plan due to the significant rate increases in 2012;

THERE BE IT RESOLVED that the Community Services Committee approve the original user fee published in the 2012 Spring and Summer Leisure Guide to be paid immediately and the balance of the fee, (2012 increase rate) be paid by July 15, 2012. The payment plan would apply for the 2012 camping season on a one-time basis only.

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Finance Implications

The approved increase of user fees will provide for the increased expenditures resulting from the extended season.

Background

The City of Greater Sudbury provides through operating agreements, three seasonal trailer parks (campgrounds):

- Ella Lake Park in Capreol

- Whitewater Lake Park in Azilda
- Centennial Park in Whitefish

At the Community Services Committee meeting held on February 27, 2012, Council approved extending the camping season by 18 days (opening daily on Victoria Day weekend and closing the third Sunday in September). The increase in the operating season will be offset by the increase in user fees across all parks as approved by Council.

The increase in user fees for seasonal rates at municipally owned trailer parks aligns the municipal rates with the provincial park rates. The campers have been informed of the user fee increases and the service level enhancement. A number of campers have requested that the City offer flexibility in paying the seasonal rate (paying installments). The City has the administrative authority to establish a receivable in order to collect the balance of the user fee.

It is recommended that the original fee published in the 2012 Spring and Summer Leisure Guide be payable immediately and the balance of the fee (2012 increase) be payable on July 15, 2012. The payment plan would apply for the 2012 camping season on a one-time basis only.