



# Fees and Charges

Bylaw and Policy

# Agenda

- Review current Community Services Fees and Charges Bylaw 2460, 2019
  - Categories of Users – Individuals and Groups
  - Guiding Principles for the Bylaw
  - Current Application of the Benefits Principle to Users
  - Example of the current application of the Benefits Principles
- Recommendations for a New Bylaw (2592, 2024)
  - Review MNP Recommendations
  - Introduce a new Fees and Charges Companion Policy to the Bylaw
  - Recommended Fees for 2024 – 2028 in new Bylaw
  - Examples of the Application of the benefits approach to the new fees
- Direction from Council – We have some questions for you.
- Questions



# Recap of the Existing Bylaw

# Categories of Individual Users

- Pre-Schooler - An individual from 0 to 5 years old
- Youth - An individual between 6 to 18 years of age
- Adult - An individual between 19 to 64 years of age
- Senior - An individual 65 years of age and over
- Family - Up to two adults and four youth residing in the same household



# Categories of User Groups

- Youth non-profit - A non-profit organization whose primary purpose is providing a community service where the youth in the local community is the beneficiary
- Adult non-profit - A non-profit organization whose primary purpose is providing a community service where the adults in the local community are the beneficiary
- Senior non-profit - A non-profit organization whose primary purpose is providing a community service where the seniors in the local community is the beneficiary
- Private group - individual or organization requesting use of a facility for the purpose of a private function where no profit is being generated by that group



# Categories of User Groups (continued)

- Commercial group - A company or business requesting use of a facility for its own profit or generating revenue
- Internal Users - All departments and associated committees within the City of Fort St John using a recreational facility for its departmental needs
- School District - All schools, programs and departments as provided in School District No. 60 District Directory as well as Home schoolers, Christian Life School, and other students where they reside within City limits attending an accredited school



# Guiding Principles

- Transparency – User fees and subsidies are reported for all City recreational services in a transparent manner
- Service Efficiency – Prices are set to ensure optimal service delivery and administrative efficiency
- *Public Engagement Principle – the public will have opportunities to engage with the City, and to provide input on a user fee and charges bylaw*
- Actual Cost Principle – The actual cost of service delivery is well understood prior to setting user fee or subsidy rates
- Benefit Principle – Those who benefit from a good or service should pay in proportion to the benefit they receive



# Example @ 2023/2024 rates

## Benefit Principle

USES		DROP-IN ADMISSIONS	RENTALS
USERS			
<b>Individuals</b>			
Pre-School (0-5 years)	0%		
Youth (6 – 18 years)	25%		
Adult (19-64 years)	50%		
Senior (65 years +)	25%		
Family (2a+4y)			
<b>Groups</b>			
Youth Non Profit		25%	
Adult Non Profit		50%	
Senior Non Profit		25%	
Private		75%	
Commercial		100%	
School District		0%	

## User Group – Youth Ice User

- Minor sport (Hockey, Figure Skating, Speed Skating)
- One hour of ice time is \$333/hour (full cost)
- $\$333 \times 0.25\% = \$83.25$
- Rate charged to minor groups = \$83/hour (rounded)



# Recommendations for New Bylaw

# Summary of recommended changes

## Bylaw

- Title
- Definitions
- Other
- Repeal
- Severance
- Effective Date
- Fee table - Facilities Rental Rates
- Fee table - Drop in rates

## Policy

- Policy Statement
- Purpose
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Guiding Principles
- Application of Fee and Charges calculation based on Benefit Principle
- Review and Continuous Improvement



# Fees and Charges

# User Rates - 2 Different Approaches

Item	Current	Proposed				
	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029

**Proposal 1: Current Rates plus 3.4% inflation each year – MNP Proposal, based on community engagement**

## North Peace Arena and Pomeroy Sports Centre Ice Rink Rentals

### Regular Season (per hour)

Minor / Youth / Senior Non-Profit	\$83.00	\$85.82	\$88.74	\$91.76	\$94.88	\$98.10
Adult Non-Profit	\$167.00	\$172.68	\$178.55	\$184.62	\$190.90	\$197.39
Private	\$250.00	\$258.50	\$267.29	\$276.38	\$285.77	\$295.49
Commercial	\$333.00	\$344.32	\$356.03	\$368.13	\$380.65	\$393.59

**Proposal 2: Actual projected costs + 3.4% inflation**

## North Peace Arena and Pomeroy Sports Centre Ice Rink Rentals

### Regular Season (per hour)

Minor / Youth / Senior Non-Profit	\$83.00	\$103.52	\$124.04	\$144.56	\$165.09	\$185.61
Adult Non-Profit	\$167.00	\$207.84	\$248.69	\$289.53	\$330.37	\$371.22
Private	\$250.00	\$311.36	\$372.73	\$434.09	\$495.46	\$556.82
Commercial	\$333.00	\$414.89	\$496.77	\$578.66	\$660.55	\$742.43

\*\*\* Final Rates would be rounded in the bylaw

# Staff is Seeking Direction from Council on the following:

## Questions

1. Does Council agree with the MNP recommendation to simplify the bylaw and develop a companion Council policy?
2. Should staff continue to use the benefits based approach to apply fees to different groups of individuals and users?
3. If the answer to Question #2 is yes, does Council wish to use the same formula as previously used outlined on the left side of this table?
4. Which approach to setting fees does Council wish to use the MNP approach (current rate + inflation) or the CFSJ approach (full cost + inflation) or is there a different suggestion?

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	Commercial		100%
	School District		0%



Questions?