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**DATE:** November 20, 2008

**TO:** Chair and Members of Budget Committee  
Meeting Date: December 2, 2008

**FROM:** Paul A. Mitcham, P.Eng., MBA  
Commissioner of Community Services

**SUBJECT:** **Recreation and Parks Rental Rates**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That a by-law be enacted incorporating revisions to the Recreation and Parks Ice and Facility Rental Rates for the period September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010, as outlined in Appendix A of the report dated November 20, 2008 from the Commissioner of Community Services.
2. That a by-law be enacted incorporating revisions to the Recreation and Parks Sport Field Rental Rates for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 and January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 as outlined in Appendix 1.
3. That a by-law be enacted incorporating rates for liability insurance fees from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 as outlined in Appendix 2.

**BACKGROUND:** On an annual basis, Recreation and Parks reviews rental rates charged at City owned and operated facilities including auditoriums, meeting rooms, gymnasiums, arenas, pools, sports fields, parks, marinas, theatre and museums.

**COMMENTS:**

Staff have reviewed the current rental rates with the objective of ensuring that increased operating costs are reflected and that the recreational and social booking needs of our varied users are met.

The recommended fee increases range from 3.0% to 5.1% for community centre rooms, gymnasiums, sport fields, theatre, museum and ice rentals. Ice rental rates have been increased 3% plus an additional 2.0% to reflect the impact of energy costs to maintain ice operations. Marina operations are recommending fee increases ranging from 3% to 8.5% based on benchmarking of market rates.

The rate increases have been incorporated in the 2009/ 2010 budgeted revenues, which are required to help offset increased annual operating costs of the labour, supplies and materials required for the operation of facilities.

Appendix 'A' attached outlines the details of each rental category, the current rates, and all proposed rental rate adjustments. Fees listed in Appendix "A" do not include GST. The GST is added where applicable. The proposed ice and facility rental rates are effective September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010. The sport field user fees are adjusted based on the calendar year. These fees are effective from January 1 through December 31, 2009 and from January 1 through December 31, 2010.

The insurance rates outlined in Appendix 'B' are set by B. F. Lorenzetti and Associates (BFL) the City of Mississauga insurance broker. These insurance fees are added to the cost of a rental when the customer can not provide proof of additional insurance and needs to purchase through an insurance broker. Customers always have the option of securing insurance through another broker. The City concern is that insurance is in place.

On occasion, discounted rental rates may be applied on a short term basis, to meet a customer service need, or to establish new rates required between the Rental Rate By-law. In these instances the Director of Recreation and Parks has the discretionary authority to approve these rates. The circumstances under which exceptions to rates are given are documented and retained for audit purposes.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The recommended increases have been reflected in the 2009/2010 budgeted revenues which is required to help offset increased annual operating costs of labour, supplies and materials required for the operation of the facilities.

**CONCLUSION:** The proposed rental rate fees in this report have been increased by an average 3.0% to 5.1% due to increasing labour, material costs and market trend influences.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Appendix A - Rental Rate Schedule  
Appendix B – Liability Insurance Rates

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