

# REQUEST FOR DECISION

SUBJECT: Bylaw 25-990 Schedule of Fees Amendment

SUBMISSION TO: REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION

MEETING DATE: May 13, 2025 CAO: WU MANAGER: DEPARTMENT: Legislative Services DIR: PRESENTER: SS

STRATEGIC PLAN: Governance LEG: SS

#### **RELEVANT LEGISLATION:**

Provincial (cite) - Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c.M-26, s.191.

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite) – Bylaw 25-980 Schedule of Fees

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

MOTION: That Council give first reading to Bylaw 22-990 Schedule of Fees Amendment, as presented.

MOTION: That Council give second reading to Bylaw 22-990 Schedule of Fees Amendment, as presented.

## BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Annually, Greenview adopts a bylaw that establishes the rates and fees for services that the municipality provides. Administration is proposing an amendment to the current Schedule of Fees Bylaw.

## Recreation Fees Changes

Fees for the Greenview Regional Multiplex (GRM) and the Grande Cache Recreation Centre were made equal with the adoption of the current Schedule of Fees Bylaw 25-980. Since the bylaw has been in force, it has become evident to Administration that having the same drop-in price is not feasible for both locations. The Greenview Regional Multiplex utilizes both employees and contractors, whereas the Grande Cache Multiplex relies solely on employees. As a result, the \$5.00 rate does not cover the cost of programming facilitated by contractors. In order to recover the cost, Administration is proposing to increase the drop-in rate for registered programming at the GRM to \$10.00 for classes taught by contractors and \$8.00 if one registers for the entirety of the program.

Other changes for Recreation Services include removing a duplicate swim lesson in section 9xxv, retitling section 15 and adding a refundable cleaning deposit of \$50.00 for private rentals.

Infrastructure and Engineering Fee Changes

Within the Municipal Government Act (MGA), roads within a municipality may only be closed, with Ministerial approval, by bylaw or by resolution. Roads may only be closed via resolution if Council determines that the road is no longer required for public use due to an alternate route. Currently, Greenview has one fee associated with road closures, at \$1,500.00. Administration is proposing to keep the \$1,500.00 fee for road closures that require a bylaw, under the MGA, whilst adding a new fee of \$300.00 if a road closure can be done by resolution only. This discrepancy results from significantly less staff time required to close roads under the resolution process, and the fee amendment reflects that.

## Environmental Services Fee Change

Administration is recommending the removal of the recycling fee for residential solid waste collection in Grande Cache. With the Province of Alberta introducing the Extended Producer Responsibility system, the cost of residential recycling is no longer the responsibility of Greenview. The fee is currently \$10.25, per tote, per month.

#### BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The benefit of Council accepting the recommended motion is Greenview will have fees that align with current processes.

#### DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. The disadvantage to the recommended motion is customers of the Greenview Regional Multiplex will see the cost of drop-in fees raised.

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

**Alternative #1:** Council has the alternative to defeat the bylaw however Administration does not recommend this action because the current rate of \$5.00 is not enough to recover the cost to put on the program at the Greenview Regional Multiplex.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:

The recycling fee was removed during budget.

Road closures will be additional revenue.

Drop-In fees is a correction to align with recreations current budget.

#### STAFFING IMPLICATION:

There are no staffing implications to the recommended motion.

#### PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

## **INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT**

Inform

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL**

Inform - To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

## **PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC**

Inform - We will keep you informed.

## **FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:**

Administration will make any necessary amendments and bring the bylaw for final reading and approval.

# ATTACHMENT(S):

- Bylaw 25-990 "Schedule of Fees Amendment" Draft
- Bylaw 25-980 "2025 Schedule of Fees" Current