

Staff Report

To: Mayor Bazinet and Council
Report From: Deanna Hastie, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
Meeting Date: February 24, 2025
Subject: 2025 Fee By-Law Update
Attachment(s): 1) Draft Fee By-Law

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council directs that the 2025 Fee By-Law, with the noted amendments, be added to the March 17, 2025, agenda for approval.

Report Summary:

Goderich Town Council approved the 2025 Fee By-Law in December 2024, except for Schedule E – Airport Fees. Staff are requesting consideration of the following revisions to the 2025 Fees:

1. The addition of a Garbage and Organics fee of \$100.00 for service level adjustments is provided for consideration. It is now four months since the initial implementation of wheelie bin garbage collection and the addition of an organic materials collection service. Service adjustments made in the period since the September implementation have been made without charge to date. The municipality is now being charged for any additional bin changes and staff propose this fee to recover this additional cost.
2. The addition of a Garbage and Organics fee of \$100.00 for the replacement of lost or damaged bins is proposed to recover the cost incurred by the Municipality to replace the bin(s).
3. The Winter Prime Time Ice rates have increased by 2.5% for September 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026.
4. Two new In-Ice Logo fees are proposed based on comparison to other arenas that provide ice throughout the full year and are set to be comparable to the Town's current Rink Board fee.
 - Centre Ice \$2,000.00 per year for a 3-year contract
 - Neutral Zone \$1,500.00 per year for a 3-year contract
5. A new Wallboard fee of \$350.00 per year, for a 3-year contract, is also proposed to provide further advertising opportunities at the Maitland Recreation Centre. A

Wallboard Placement Strategy is being developed by staff to provide additional space for this type of advertising while ensuring maximum visibility.

6. Schedule E – Airport Fees has been amended to simplify the landing fees to include landing fees for the following:
 - Visiting commercial aircraft 5,000 kg or more gross registered weight - \$150.00 + HST;
 - Military/Medevac/Hydro One/OPP - \$250.00 per landing + HST

7. Adjustments to Fire Inspection fees to clarify inspection categories and increase these fees to be comparable to the 2025 fees charged by other local municipalities are proposed. There are also some additional fees proposed. These adjustments are as follows:

	Current 2025 Fee	Proposed 2025 Fee
Residential Smoke and CO Alarm Inspection		No charge
Residential Inspection with Report – single dwelling OBC Group C occupancies	\$75.00	\$105.00
Residential Inspection with Report – multi-unit Group C occupancies	\$75.00	\$105.00/unit
Commercial, Industrial or Institutional OBC Classification A, B, D, E and F (less than 10,000 square feet)	Commercial - \$75 per hour Industrial - \$100 per hour Institutional - \$100 per hour	\$120.00
Commercial, Industrial or Institutional OBC Classification A, B, D, E and F (for each additional 2,500 square feet over 10,000)		\$30.00
Follow-up Meetings or Reinspection		\$30.00
File Search and Letter	\$75.00	\$80.00
Residential Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors provided to Resident Per Alarm		Cost recovery

Open Air/Controlled Burn – Illegal/Unauthorized		Current MTO rates (At Fire Chief’s discretion)
Attending an Incident at a Property Where No Locate was Obtained or Where Requirements of the Locate Had Not Been Followed		Current MTO rate plus personnel costs, plus any additional costs per call

8. An increase to the Cemetery fee for bronze wreath plaques and subsequent date engraving is proposed as the supplier has implemented a cost increase. The previous rates also did not include the cost of delivery.

	Current	Proposed
Bronze Wreath and Vase End Plaque	\$610.00	\$625.00
Subsequent Date Engraving		
• Full Date	\$51.00	\$80.00
• Year Date	\$41.00	\$80.00

Background and Analysis:

The Town’s Fees and Charges By-Law is reviewed annually by staff with updates and additional fees proposed. Additional amendments are proposed as needed.

Linkage:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #4: Good Government

Financial Impacts and/or Source of Funding:

The financial impact is the level of fee revenue earned by the municipality.

Consulted With:

Senior Leadership Team members

Approved By:

Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk