

Report

City of Merritt
REGULAR Council Meeting
February 11, 2025

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To: Cynthia White, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Linda Brick, Director of Corporate Services
Date: February 6, 2025
Subject: City of Merritt Fees and Charges Bylaw, Amending Bylaw No. 2394, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council give First Reading to “City of Merritt Fees and Charges Bylaw, Amending Bylaw No. 2394, 2025”;

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THAT Council give Second Reading to “City of Merritt Fees and Charges Bylaw, Amending Bylaw No. 2394, 2025”;

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THAT Council give Third Reading to “City of Merritt Fees and Charges Bylaw, Amending Bylaw No. 2394, 2025”.

Background:

On January 9, 2025 the Recreation Advisory Committee passed the following recommendation to Council:

THAT the use of the Nicola Valley Aquatic Centre pool be in kind for the annual swim meet (on a non-statutory holiday weekend) and the Otter's Swim Club be offered a rental rate for swim lanes at \$13.50 per hour in 2025.

The proposed bylaw amendments to the Fees and Charges Bylaw include this amendment in Schedule “1” Community Service Fees and Charges Schedule.

The proposed change to Schedule "F" Planning and Development Fees and Charges includes the incorporation of the Sign Development Permit Fee from the Land Use and Development Procedure bylaw and the incorporation of the Sign Permit fee from the Sign Bylaw. As staff are conducting a review of all City Bylaws fees are being transferred from individual bylaws to the central Fees and Charges Bylaw. As part of the updating of the Fees and Charges bylaw projects for the fees for the current and two subsequent years is included in the bylaw to provide an overview of the projected rates for future years. Rates are reviewed annually to ensure that they continue to be reasonable and appropriate.

The proposed change to Schedule "B" Sanitary Sewer Rates and Charges adjusts the Disposal charge per cubic metre for both metered sanitary sewer user rates for properties located outside the City Boundaries and Septage Disposal Site rates.

Options / discussion

- 1) Give three readings to the proposed bylaw as presented;
- 2) Return the bylaw to staff with directed changes;
- 3) Receive the report for information only.

Others Consulted:

Recreation Advisory Committee
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments:

City of Merritt Fees and Charges Bylaw, Amending Bylaw No. 2394, 2025
Redlined version of Bylaw 2394
Merritt Otter Swim Club Financials

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Brick
Director of Corporate Services