



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting

From: Terri Towstiuc, Clerk

Date: 2024-12-19

Subject: 2025 Fees - Recreation and Pool - 2024-48-Clerks.docx

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Terri Towstiuc, Clerk Re: 2025 Fees for Recreation and Pool; And

That Council _____.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to obtain direction from Council, regarding certain recreation and pool fees, as discussed during the initial presentation of the 2025 Fees and Charges.

Background:

At the November 28th meeting, Council received the draft 2025 Fees and Charges. It was noted that the recreation committee had suggestions about the pool fees (specifically aquafit) and the use of the recreation center.

Aquafit was requesting a monthly or seasonal pass, and to use a comparative approach, Southwest Middlesex and Dutton Dunwich 2025 Fees and Charges we obtained. Southwest Middlesex offers a monthly pass of \$80.00 or early bird (April 1-30) of \$72.00 (10%) discount. Dutton Dunwich no longer offers a seasonal or monthly pass for Aquafit, and the per person visit to Aquafit is \$4.50.

It was noted that the recreation committee would like to see lower fees for the Recreation Centre, for various events (baby shower, bridal shower, etc.). It appears each municipality used (SWM & DD) use different approaches to their pricing, including Monday to Thursday and Friday to Sunday rates, along with discounted rates for residents on the municipality (versus non-residents).

Dutton Dunwich Community Centre has a similar capacity limit, fully accessible and fully stocked kitchen, will the comparative at Southwest Middlesex (Ekfrid Community Centre) is about half the size/capacity than West Elgin Recreation Centre

West Elgin's facility rates are straightforward, however, staff are seeking Council's input regarding the rates, to proceed with the adoption and passing of a by-law.

Attached to this report is the proposed 2025 West Elgin Fees, along with the comparatives used for this report.

Financial Implications:

2025 Fees and Charges By-law to be finalized

Policies/Legislation:

2025 Fees and Charges By-law

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Infrastructure Improvement	Recreation	Economic Development	Community Engagement
<input type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin’s infrastructure to support long-term growth.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	<input type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,

Terri Towstiuc, Clerk