

Recreation User Fee Guiding Principles

Accountability

Relevant recreation studies, available community input, existing statistical data and corporate strategic directions and initiatives will be a consideration when establishing or changing user fees for programs and services.

Community Benefit

The degree of general subsidy will be comparable with the extent to which a given program or service contributes to opportunities for the development of positive social, emotional and health determinants of the respective consumer group. A priority focus will be on children and youth programs and those programs that promote greater community participation.

Equitable

User fees for programs and services will be consistent for all residents and groups within like or similar program/service areas.

Fair

User fees for programs and services will be comparable with the cost associated with the program/service area, particularly those program/service areas that promote an advanced skill level and/or individual focused development and those with significant supply and material costs.

Affordable

In addition to general subsidy allocations, accessibility for individuals based on ability to pay will be addressed through the existing financial assistance/subsidy program.

Financial Responsibility

General subsidy allocations and user fees will be applied strategically for programs and services. User fees will be comparable with similar municipal markets and will contribute to the long-term sustainability of recreation programs and services.