Minute No. 445
Minutes – Council – July 17, 2025

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Community Services – July 2, 2025

Item No. 1 New Fee for Adult Cricket Field Rental

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services and adopted the following:

1. That the Public Service be directed to work with the Manitoba Cricket Association on the creation of half booking time slots that reflect the longer duration of cricket games, specific to Bridgwater Lakes Park, and report back in 90 days.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

Report – Standing Policy Committee on Community Services – July 2, 2025

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Santos,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 8, 2025, the Executive Policy Committee did not concur in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Public Service be directed to work with the Manitoba Cricket Association on the creation of half booking time slots that reflect the longer duration of cricket games, specific to Bridgwater Lakes Park, and report back in 90 days.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 2, 2025, the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services did not concur in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service, and submitted the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That this report be received as information.

Paramjit Shahi, Manitoba Cricket Association, submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: New Fee for Adult Cricket Field Rental

Critical Path: Standing Policy Committee on Community Services – Executive Policy Committee – Council

AUTHORIZATION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A new adult combination cricket and soccer field has been installed at Bridgwater Lakes Park (BWL). The turf is still being established at the BWL site, and is expected to be in use this July.

Cricket games often last much longer than soccer and baseball games. A cricket stakeholder group has suggested a longer time slot to better reflect the length of their games. In this particular case, they are requesting a 10.5-hour timeslot between 9:00 am and 7:30 pm daily.

Table 1 describes how the current adult athletic grounds fee has been calculated to an hourly rate which is then prorated to 10.5 hours of time. By applying the same hourly rate, the proposed rental fee is $221.66, before tax, for the new time slot. After rounding is applied consistent with the Fees and Charges Schedule the proposed new fee will be $220.00 before tax.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That a new daily fee for adult Cricket Athletic Field rental be approved for $222.00 (before tax) between the hours of 9:00 am to 7:30 pm.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

A new fee in the Fees and Charges Schedule requires Council approval.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

Increased revenue from the new combination cricket and soccer field related to the new cricket field rental fee is expected. It is difficult to determine the amount of incremental revenue as the

demand is unknown. Additional expenses are also anticipated as this athletic field has been added to the City's inventory because it is in a newer neighborhood.

HISTORY/DISCUSSION

A new adult combination cricket and soccer field has been installed at Bridgwater Lakes Park (BWL). The turf is still being established at the BWL site, and is expected to be in use this July. The soccer field and the cricket field cannot be used concurrently as their fields overlap and the soccer nets are tightly anchored for safety reasons. In the future, a new school is expected to be constructed in an adjacent property which will likely cause the fields to be over programmed and cause turf deterioration. On-going discussions with Pembina Trails School Board may help to alleviate this concern.

Although the local Community Center has the ability to program the site for soccer during the full season (i.e. blanket book the site), they have agreed to book the field in May and June. This will allow for adult Cricket to be booked for the remainder of the season.

Adult athletic grounds fees are booked or rented per an assigned time slot. Existing fees are $95.00 per slot (before tax), and slots are set between 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and 6:00 pm until dusk. These time slots have been used for a number of years and customers for soccer, baseball, and other sports have become accustomed to their use.

Cricket games often last much longer than the time slots for soccer and baseball games. As a result, a cricket stakeholder group has suggested a longer timeslot. In this case, they are requesting the timeslot between 9:00 am and 7:30 pm daily (typically on weekend days). Table 1 describes how the current existing athletic grounds fee has been calculated to an average rate of $21.11 per hour. If this rate is applied to the 10.5 hours of proposed rental (9:00 am to 7:30 pm) the total cost of rental is $221.66 before tax. After rounding is applied consistent with the Fees and Charges Schedule the proposed new fee will be $220.00 before tax.

Table 1 - Calculation of proposed new Cricket Field Rental - adult booking fee

Summary of Fees

Fee Description	Status	Hours Per Booking*	Rental Fee (before tax)	Hourly Rate
Athletic grounds - adult	Existing Fee	4.5	$ 95.00	$ 21.11
Cricket Field Rental - adult	New Proposed Fee	10.5	$ 222.00	$ 21.14

* Athletic grounds - adult booking slots vary in length of time. The available slots are 4 hours (9:00 am - 1:00 pm), 5 hours (1:00 pm - 6:00 pm), and variable (6:00 pm - DUSK). For the purposes of this analysis an assumed average time of 4.5 hours has been applied.

Calculation of proposed Cricket Field Rental - adult fee

Hours per booking		10.5
Hourly rate applied	$	21.11
Calculated new fee	$	221.66
Rounded new fee	$	222.00

Since this fee is expected to be required by July of this year, the new fee of $222.00 is required to be approved immediately.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: May 15, 2025

Project Name:

New Fee for Adult Cricket Field Rental

First Year of Program **2025**

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Enter Description Here)	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Enter Description Here	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ 5,772	$ 5,887	$ 6,005	$ 6,125	$ 6,248
Less: Revenue/Recovery	5,772	5,887	6,005	6,125	6,248
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	-	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: The actual amount of revenue earned from the new fee will vary depending on demand for the facility. For the purposes of the financial impact statement the estimated incremental revenue of $5,772.00 is based on Cricket field rentals from July-September at an average frequency of 2x per week (Saturdays and Sundays). An inflation rate of 2% is applied to the fee annually. As the recommendation of this report is to approve the creation of the new Cricket Field Rental fee the financial impact is limited to that estimate. No budget adjustments are being sought for 2025, any incremental expense and revenue impacts will be managed within existing resources and captured in the divisional financial results. Mill rate neutral adjustments will be made to the 2026 and forward Parks revenue and expense operating budgets in accordance with the annual budget process guidelines to reflect the newly created fee.

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CONSULTATION

This Report has been prepared in consultation with:

- Legal Services

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

1.8 Accountable Revenue Generation based on predictable, equitable, and evidence-informed methodology that offsets service costs while achieving this Plan's sustainability goals. ER, EP, HW, SE, CB

1.15 Community Capacity Development Partner with community organizations and Indigenous governments to enable community development, leadership and empowerment opportunities, by leveraging municipal programming and service resources including recreation, libraries and the arts, in particular for systemically disadvantaged groups and for those living in areas of highest need. ER, EP, HW, SE, CB

4.11 Equitable Service Access Prioritize equitable access to recreation and parks systems, services, and infrastructure, in order to: enable active living; connect people and nature; create supportive environments; build community capacity; and achieve desired health outcomes, with a focus on children and youth. ER, SE, CB

Complete Communities G3. Goal 2 ensures that land and facilities designated for recreation services, parks, and open space can be developed to serve our changing population's physical and social needs.

WINNIPEG CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ALIGNMENT

Consideration was given as to whether this report connects to the Winnipeg Climate Action Plan (CAP), and it was determined that the CAP is not applicable to this specific report.

WINNIPEG POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY ALIGNMENT

The report is in accordance with:

- Goal 6: All City Services are Equitable, Inclusive and Accessible

SUBMITTED BY

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Division: Parks and Open Space
Prepared by: Dave Domke, Manager
Date: May 20, 2025