



AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL

RFD# 2024048

Date: April 22, 2024

TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Amherst Town Council

SUBMITTED BY: Sarah Wilson, Director of Finance

DATE: April 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Policy Amendments (related to operating budget approval)

ORIGIN: 2024-25 Operating Budget

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: Municipal Government Act, section 84 allows council to make decisions in the exercise of its powers and duties by resolution, by policy or by by-law.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve the amendments to the User Fee Policy 03470-03 to reflect the changes noted below:

- Increase the Solid Waste Collection Uniform Charge from \$268 to \$278 per year. This increase is due to the annual increase in the solid waste contract as well as an increase in the tonnage and rates for tipping fees.
- Remove the following section:

Beer/Liquor Concession Robb Centennial Park (Policy 72300-05)		
Concession only. NSAGA requirements	\$100.00/day	-Plus HST
responsibility of organizing committee		

That Council repeal the Sale of Beer-Liquor – Robb Centennial Park Policy 72300-05.

BACKGROUND: The Town's User Fee Policy and schedule of rates is reviewed annually during budget preparations. If the operating budget presented to Council impacts on other policies those policies are brought forward during budget deliberations with the respective changes noted.

DISCUSSION: From this year's operating budget, the following two policies required changes:

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- Sale of Beer-Liquor – Robb Centennial Park Policy 72300-05
 - Repeal this policy.
 - Robb Centennial Park no longer has a canteen or the facilities available to accommodate the sale of beer/liquor.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Any financial increases or decreases due to the changes to the policies have been included in the budgets presented to Council at the April 4th meeting.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: The council budget session on April 4th was recorded for the public's information.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no environmental implications.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Council could not approve the policy changes as stated.
2. Council could request additional changes to the Policy(s).

ATTACHMENTS: Polices attached with track changes where applicable.

1. User Fee Policy 03470-03
2. Sale of Beer-Liquor – Robb Centennial Park Policy 72300-05