



# CITY POLICY

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**TITLE:** Recreation User Fee

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**Policy Statement:**

The City of Edmonton provides a variety of recreation, culture, leisure and sporting opportunities for residents and visitors. The Recreation User Fee Policy furthers the aims of The Way Ahead: City of Edmonton's Strategic Plan whose goal is to improve the livability in the City of Edmonton. While the delivery of recreation services addresses a basic human need and reflects the values of our community and the desire to present Edmonton as a vibrant City, a Recreation User Fee Policy provides a balanced approach for establishing fees in consideration of the following objectives:

- Ensuring that fees contribute to the public's effective and efficient use of City resources.
- Reducing the reliance on property taxes, by recovering a portion of the costs for various services from the user(s) that primarily benefit from them.
- Providing a consistent and equitable process that encourages accessibility and participation.
- Identifying the relative pricing provided to various user segments.
- Establishing meaningful and realistic goals that provide enough flexibility to meet evolving social values and changing fiscal pressures.

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**The purpose of this policy is to:**

Provide clear and consistent procedures for establishing user fees for various City of Edmonton operated services, as granted under the Municipal Government Act.

Establish the standards by which Administration can review, develop, implement and evaluate user fees to help support these services.

Relate the fee development process to the development of cost recovery goals through subsequent business planning exercises.

Outline the fee approval process, whereby:

- All Recreation User Fees shall be reviewed and set annually;
- General admission fees, arena rental fees and athletic field rental fees will be approved by City Council, and all other fees will be approved as permitted under the guidelines of the Recreation User Fee Policy procedure

**This policy is subject to any specific provisions of the Municipal Government Act or other relevant legislation or Union Agreement**