



To: General Purposes Committee
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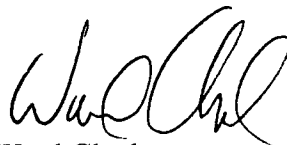
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Re: RCMP Service Fees

Staff Recommendation

That staff bring forward a Bylaw which would increase the RCMP Service Fees in accordance to the schedule attached to the report dated January 5, 2005 from the General Manager, Finance & Corporate Services, Rod Kray and the RCMP Officer in Charge, Ward Clapham.


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Staff Report

Origin

This report is brought forward in accordance with the Long Term Financial Management Strategy to increase alternative revenue sources. This has been reviewed and approved by the Joint City/RCMP Senior Leadership Team.

Analysis

Many of the fees for RCMP services have not been increased for several years and in many cases are considerably lower than most lower mainland municipalities. As policing costs have escalated significantly in recent years, it is important to ensure that services that are cost recoverable, fairly reflect the actual cost of the resources required to deliver these services. Many of these services are administrative in nature and divert resources away from the core business of the RCMP. Therefore, to protect the resources required to address community policing priorities and to help contain RCMP expenditures, the fees for these administrative tasks need to be reviewed on a regular basis and increased, to reflect the cost of the service. In addition, a reasonable cost for these types of services can act as a mechanism to curb the demand on the services. Currently, residents from other jurisdictions come to the Richmond RCMP detachment for Criminal Record Checks due to Richmond's very low fee.

The attached Schedule of Fees Comparisons outlines the fees for RCMP services for comparable lower mainland jurisdictions, the current Richmond fees and the proposed Richmond fees. Staff have reviewed each of the fee for service areas and are recommending the proposed fee structure based on the resources required to deliver the services and the comparable fee in other jurisdictions. Although this proposed fee structure brings Richmond in line with other jurisdictions, in no case will Richmond have the highest fee for a service. In addition, it is important to note that Criminal Record Checks for Richmond volunteers will continue to be provided free of charge.


Should Council approve the new fees, notices will be posted at the RCMP offices and on Richmond RCMP's website for a period of three months prior to the new fees taking effect to advise customers of the new rate structure.

Financial Impact

The annual estimated additional revenue generated from the proposed fee changes will be in the \$100,000 to \$150,000 range.

Conclusion

To offset the increasing costs of policing and to bring Richmond RCMP Fees in line with comparable jurisdictions, the implementation of a new fee schedule and an adoption of the RCMP Fee Bylaw is necessary.



Rod Kray


Keith Bramhill

Fees for Services Comparison Including GST	Recommended Fees for Richmond	Richmond (Current)	N. Van Not incl. GST	Burnaby Not incl. GST	Coquitlam	Surrey	Langley	Ridge Meadows	Delta	New West	VPD	W. Van
Criminal Record Checks	50.00	30.00	50.00	43.00	40.00	37.00	35.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	50.00	55.00
Criminal Record Checks - Volunteers	free	free	free	free	free	37.00	free	10.00	free	22.00	waived	22.00
Police Certificate (Incl. Prints)	50.00	30.00	30.00	43.00	40.00	37.00	35.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	50.00	55.00
Fingerprints	50.00	30.00	50.00	43.00 for 3 sets	40.00 + 10.00	n/a	35.00 + 10.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	25.00	55.00
Pardon applications/Records Clearance	50.00	30.00	50.00	43.00	40.00	37.00	35.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	50.00	55.00
Name Change Applications	50.00	30.00	50.00	43.00	40.00	37.00	35.00	55.00	55.00		n/a	55.00
Taxi Permits	50.00	free	50.00	0	40.00	37.00	35.00	55.00	27.50	55.00	32.10 new 21.40 renewal	n/a
Taxi Permits (lost-replacement)	50.00	free	50.00	0	20.00	n/a	free	55.00			10.70	n/a
Preliminary Collision/Traffic Analysts Rpt.	500.00	35.00	550.00	500.00	535.00	n/a	500.00	595.00	550.00	1,600.00	500.00	***
Collision Analyst Report	35.00	35.00	30.00	35.00	40.00	37.00	35.00	35.00			50.00	***
Field Drawing Reproduction			200.00									
Measurements												
Scale Drawing	100.00	35.00	50.00	50.00	160.50	37.00	50.00	150.00			50.00	***
Mechanical Inspection Report	214.00	35.00	50.00	30.00	214.00	n/a	100.00	175.00			n/a	***
Police Report & Passport Letter	50.00	35.00	50.00	43.00	40.00	37.00	35.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	50.00	55.00
Insurance Claim Letter	50.00	35.00	50.00	43.00	40.00	37.00	50.00	55.00		55.00	50.00	55.00
Court Ordered File Disclosure	50.00	35.00	50.00	50.00	40.00	n/a	50.00		110.00	110.00	0	n/a
	+ .50/page, + 6.00 shipping	+ 6.00 shipping	+ .50/copy 50.00 ea.	+ .50/copy 50.00 ea.	+ copy chrg. 10.00 fee	+ copy chrg. shipping	+ copy chrg.					
Statement Copies each												
Photos (ea. 4 x 6)	1.75 + 6.00 shipping	1.75	2.00	1.50 + 5.00 shipping	1.40 + 10.00 fee	1.75 + 5.00 shipping	4.00	7.00	6.60	6.50	n/a	6.60
Photos (each laser)	.99	.99	5.00	1.50 + 5.00 shipping	1.50	n/a		7.00			n/a	n/a
Burn CD	16.05	16.05	50.00	50.00 + 11.00 per 1/4 hour recording	40.00 + 10.00 fee	n/a	50.00					
Video Reproduction	35.00	35.00	50.00	50.00 + 1st hr., 25.00 ea. add hour + 15.00	40.00	n/a	50.00		165.00	165.00	40.00	33.00
Audio Tape Reproduction	35.00	35.00	50.00	50.00 + 1st hr., 25.00 ea. add hour + 5.00	40.00	n/a	60.00 for 35 mins.		65.00	65.00	11.00 per 1/4 hour	
Forensic Video Analysis			100.00/hr.									
File Research			35.00			32.00						
Accident Reconstruction									550.00	1,650.00		