



*Recommendation  
adopted by Common  
Council March 7, 2016*

**COUNCIL REPORT**

*2016*

M&C No.	M&C 2016-51
Report Date	February 29, 2016
Meeting Date	March 07, 2016
Service Area	Transportation and Environment Services

His Worship Mayor Mel Norton and Members of Common Council:

***SUBJECT: Revised 2016 Sports Field User Rates***

***OPEN OR CLOSED SESSION***

This matter is to be discussed in open session of Common Council.

***AUTHORIZATION***

Primary Author	Commissioner/Dept. Head	City Manager
<b><i>Tim O'Reilly</i></b>	<b><i>Michael Hugenholtz</i></b>	<b><i>Jeff Trail</i></b>

***RECOMMENDATION***

Your City Manager recommends that Common Council approve the 2016 hourly and tournament (daily) rates for sports field rentals in the City of Saint John (inclusive of HST) as follows:

- Class A Adult hourly \$ 33.28
- Class A Youth hourly \$ 15.30
- Shamrock Artificial Adult hourly \$ 63.25
- Shamrock Artificial Youth hourly \$ 38.50
- Class B Adult hourly \$ 21.97
- Class B Youth hourly \$ 4.25
- Class C Adult hourly \$ 20.02
- Class C Youth hourly \$ 3.74
- Class A Adult daily \$266.24
- Class A Youth daily \$122.40
- Shamrock Artificial Adult daily \$506.00
- Shamrock Artificial Youth daily \$308.00
- Class B Adult daily \$175.76
- Class B Youth daily \$ 34.00
- Class C Adult daily \$160.16
- Class C Youth daily \$ 29.92

***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY***

The purpose of this report is to demonstrate how City staff proposes to change sports field rental rates for 2016 to generate \$53,000 in revenues, to account for a resulting \$40,000 deficit, and to manage associated revenues and expenses in future years. The approved 2016 General Fund Operating Budget included a

\$93,000 increase in revenues. Common Council did not approve recommended rental rates at its February 22 meeting that would have generated the budgeted revenue and referred the matter back to the City Manager.

### **REPORT**

City staff understands revised sports field user rates need to consider the following from the questions and comments of members of Council as part of its February 22 referral decision:

- A more gradual increase in revenues over multiple years is preferred,
- Additional revenues generated from youth sports should be less than revenues generated from adults,
- City staff advise how the deficit in the 2016 General Fund Operating budget resulting from reduced revenues would be managed.

City staff now proposes a \$53,000 increase in revenues from sports field users in 2016 instead of the \$93,000 budgeted increase. The revised rates recommended in this report reflect this revenue projection.

The following table shows the 2015 approved rates, 2016 rates proposed February 22, currently proposed 2016 rates, percent change in rates from 2015 to 2016 (currently proposed) and the increased cost per player per hour:

Field Class/ Age Category	2015 Hourly Rates	2016 Proposed Hourly Rates (Feb 22)	2016 Proposed Hourly Rates (current)	% Increase between 2015 approved and 2016 currently proposed	Hourly cost increase per player (2015 to 2016 current)*
Class A Adult	\$ 25.60	\$ 40.96	\$ 33.28	30%	\$0.77
Class A Youth	\$ 9.00	\$ 20.70	\$ 15.30	70%	\$0.63
Shamrock Artificial Adult	\$ 55.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 63.25	15%	\$0.83
Shamrock Artificial Youth	\$ 35.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 38.50	10%	\$0.35
Class B Adult	\$ 16.90	\$ 27.04	\$ 21.97	30%	\$0.51
Class B Youth	\$ 2.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 4.25	70%	\$0.18
Class C Adult	\$ 15.40	\$ 24.64	\$ 20.02	30%	\$0.47
Class C Youth	\$ 2.20	\$ 6.60	\$ 3.74	70%	\$0.16

\* Assumes 10 players

Approximately 38% of the additional revenue from sports field user rate increases (as currently proposed for 2016) would come from youth. The remaining 62% would come from adults.

Eight percent (8%) of the costs required to operate and maintain sports fields would be borne by users of the sports fields with the currently proposed rates

with the remaining costs being borne by taxpayers generally. In 2015, 7% of resources came from users. For comparison, 43% of the resources required to operate and maintain the four City managed rinks would come from users in the 2016-2017 season.

The following table shows the tentatively planned field rates for 2017 through 2019 as well as the 2016 proposed rates for reference. This plan assumes a further \$10,000 increase in revenues from field rentals in each of these three future years (\$30,000 in total) with the remaining \$10,000 of the \$93,000 coming from other revenues or expense reduction opportunities.

Field Class/ Age Category	2016 Rates (Currently Proposed)	2017 Rates (Tentative)	2018 Rates (Tentative)	2019 Rates (Tentative)
Class A Adult Hourly	\$ 33.28	\$ 35.84	\$ 39.68	\$ 42.24
Class A Youth Hourly	\$ 15.30	\$ 16.20	\$ 17.10	\$ 18.90
Shamrock Artificial Adult Hourly	\$ 63.25	\$ 68.75	\$ 71.50	\$ 74.25
Shamrock Artificial Youth Hourly	\$ 38.50	\$ 42.00	\$ 43.75	\$ 45.50
Class B Adult Hourly	\$ 21.97	\$ 23.66	\$ 26.20	\$ 27.89
Class B Youth Hourly	\$ 4.25	\$ 4.50	\$ 5.50	\$ 6.25
Class C Adult Hourly	\$ 20.02	\$ 21.56	\$ 23.87	\$ 25.41
Class C Youth Hourly	\$ 3.74	\$ 3.96	\$ 4.84	\$ 5.50
Class A Adult Daily	\$ 266.24	\$ 286.72	\$ 317.44	\$ 337.92
Class A Youth Daily	\$ 122.40	\$ 129.60	\$ 136.80	\$ 151.20
Shamrock Artificial Adult Daily	\$ 506.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 572.00	\$ 594.00
Shamrock Artificial Youth Daily	\$ 308.00	\$ 336.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 364.00
Class B Adult Daily	\$ 175.76	\$ 189.28	\$ 209.56	\$ 223.08
Class B Youth Daily	\$ 34.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 50.00
Class C Adult Daily	\$ 160.16	\$ 172.48	\$ 190.96	\$ 203.28
Class C Youth Daily	\$ 29.92	\$ 31.68	\$ 38.72	\$ 44.00

### **Play SJ Context**

Other questions and comments of members of Council at its February 22 meeting can be seen in the context of Play SJ including:

- Right-sizing of the City's inventory of sports fields
- The cost-benefit of investment in sports fields managed by others
- Collaboration with sports field user groups

Right-sizing the City's sports fields will continue to be implemented as planned in Play SJ. Over the past 5 years, 10 sports field have been decommissioned. It is recognized in Play SJ and reinforced through recent analysis of 2015 usage statistics that a further reduction of the City's 36 remaining sports fields is feasible. A number of concurrent processes such as enhanced communications with user groups, clarified joint use and management agreements with the School District, developed allocation policy for "prime time" use, and identified alternate service delivery models are required prior to deciding which further fields could be decommissioned. Implementation will also continue to be benchmarked against Plan SJ.

The right-sizing of various recreational assets including sports fields and playgrounds is primarily to increase the investment and quality of a smaller number of assets as planned in Play SJ. Staff is focusing on the right-sizing plan of playgrounds currently.

It is also important to recognize the City's collaboration with the School District includes recreation assets such as playgrounds, rinks, and community centres in addition to sports fields. A holistic approach to collaborating on use and investment in these assets is required.

#### ***SERVICE AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES***

With \$53,000 of the budgeted \$93,000 increase in revenues coming from sports field rentals with the currently proposed rates, a \$40,000 deficit in the 2016 General Fund Operating budget results. Given the challenges associated with approving this year's budget there are no easy ways to find this shortfall.

Staff will plan to delay replacement of two sports field complex maintenance Utility Vehicles until 2017 resulting in \$15,000 of the \$40,000 deficit. Higher repair costs and service impacts would only result if maintenance of the existing equipment is needed.

The remaining revenue shortfall is planned to be offset by under-expenditures to the City's snow clearing budgets. Although snow clearing costs for January and February are clearly below budget as a result of a "light" winter, there remains the uncertainty of the rest of this winter and the beginning of the following winter to manage.

The combination of the currently proposed 2016 sports field user rates and described expense reduction plan are projected to offset the \$93,000 in revenues approved in the 2016 General Fund Operating Budget.

***INPUT FROM OTHER SERVICE AREAS AND STAKEHOLDERS***

On February 26, City staff communicated the revised and currently recommended 2016 rates to 40 sports field user contacts for feedback, being the same contacts engaged ahead of the previously proposed rates of February 22. Staff would be prepared to verbally update Council with feedback received from these contacts at the March 7 Council meeting.

**Evans, Richard**

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**To:** External - CommonClerk  
**Subject:** RE: proposed sports field renatl rates

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**From:** Taylor, Jonathan **On Behalf Of** External - CommonClerk  
**Sent:** March-02-16 1:13 PM  
**To:** Evans, Richard  
**Subject:** FW: proposed sports field renatl rates

Would you please include this on the March 7<sup>th</sup> agenda?

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**From:** silhunt@aliant [mailto:silhunt@nb.sympatico.ca]  
**Sent:** March-02-16 12:15 PM  
**To:** External - CommonClerk  
**Subject:** proposed sports field renatl rates

Good afternoon.

I understand that the new Sports field rental rates are again on Council's agenda for Monday evening.

we would like to have the following response included in the Council notes if possible. I realize we may be a day late, but also note that we just received notice of the new proposal late Friday afternoon (Feb 26) and received some clarification of same late Monday (Feb 29)

Thank you for your consideration.

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To Mayor and Council

On behalf of the Saint John Alpines Senior Baseball team, I am once again voicing concerns and questions re the revised sports field rental rates for 2016, and forward.

First, thank you for Council for taking time to consider the input from users, at your Feb 22 meeting. We believe it was important to "press pause" , as you did.

We have been advised our rates are now "only " going up 30% instead of the original 60%.

And we have received some clarification that the objective is to get to the originally proposed increases in the next couple of seasons.

This was an important question to have answered. We don't like the answer, but at least we now have one.

Briefly, our comments are the same as we placed before.

1. The rate of increase is still too high. We understand that these new rates will put us among the highest in not just the region, but in the country.

2. What increased value/service can we expect to receive for the increased fees. We have yet to receive an answer to that question, although Mr. O'Reilly has been quoted as saying the fields are in good shape, we would take issue with that. The actual playing surface at Memorial Field, where we play, is slightly improved, no argument. But when we talk about the field , we are referring to the whole facility.....not only the playing surface. In comparison to the other "fields" in our league, (Moncton, Fredericton, Chatham and Charlottetown) we are lacking, yet paying a premium price.
3. I would re-state my comment from my previous letter, given that Sports Tourism is on the radar for the City, Memorial Baseball field does not currently meet spec to host a national tournament. Nor do we have an adequate secondary field, which is also a bid requirement.
4. Certainly the impact on youth sports is very important. We are not commenting on the specifics, as that is not our area of involvement, but we recognize that without the youth "feeder" system, we have no senior baseball in this city.

Finally, we would look forward to an opportunity to discuss our concerns with City officials. There has been reference to forming a committee of field users to enable ongoing discussion, and we would welcome that at such time as it happens.

Thank you for your consideration

Terre Hunter  
on behalf of Saint John Alpines Senior Baseball team  
Kevin Ferguson, David Reid, Yves Parent.....board members and executive.







**City of Saint John  
Common Council Meeting  
AGENDA**

**Monday, March 7, 2016**

**6:00 pm**

**Council Chamber**

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**Committee of the Whole**

**1. Call to Order**

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Each of the following items, either in whole or in part, is able to be discussed in private pursuant to the provisions of subsection 10.(2)(4) of the Municipalities Act and Council / Committee will make a decision(s) in that respect in Open Session:

**4:30 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom City Hall**

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