



## **REPORT FIN-2021-033**

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TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer

MEETING DATE: October 13, 2021

SUBJECT: 2022 User Fees and Charges By-law  
File No. C11 FIN

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**THAT Report FIN-2021-033 regarding the 2022 User Fees and Charges By-law be received; and**

**That Council give 3 readings to By-law No. 2021-052 being a by-law to adopt the User Fees and Charges By-law.**

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to:

- 1.) Report on the results of the Public Meeting held on September 22, 2021 as it relates to the 2022 Proposed User Fees and Charges.
- 2.) Provide Council with the results of the community engagement survey issued through the Township's Online Engagement Platform, Engage Puslinch.
- 3.) Provide updates to the User Fees and Charges By-law based on further information received.
- 4.) Seek approval from Council to enact the 2022 User Fees and Charges By-law.

#### **Background**

A Virtual Public Meeting was held via Electronic Participation on September 22, 2021 at 7:00 pm to obtain public input on the proposed 2022 User Fees and Charges By-law.

There were no comments raised at the public meeting regarding suggested updates to the bylaw.

Attached as Schedule A to Report FIN-2021-033 are the results of the community engagement survey issued through the Township's Online Engagement Platform, Engage Puslinch for Council's information. The survey was open from August 11, 2021 to October 4, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. There were a total of 52 respondents to the survey.

### **Updates**

Township staff have removed the discharge of firearms exemption fee from the 2022 user fees and charges by-law as directed by Council at its September 1, 2021 Council Meeting.

### **Recreation Committee Recommendations**

The Recreation Committee received Report FIN-2021-025 – 2022 Proposed User Fees and Charges for information at its meeting held on September 21, 2021.

There were no comments raised regarding suggested updates to the by-law.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The fees approved as part of the User Fees and Charges By-law will be incorporated in the 2022 Operating Budget.

### **APPLICABLE LEGISLATION AND REQUIREMENTS**

Section 391(1) of the Municipal Act

Section 7(1) of the Building Code Act

Section 69 of the Planning Act

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Schedule A - Engage Puslinch Community Engagement Survey Results

# 2022 Proposed User Fees and Charges

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## **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

20 October 2020 - 03 October 2021

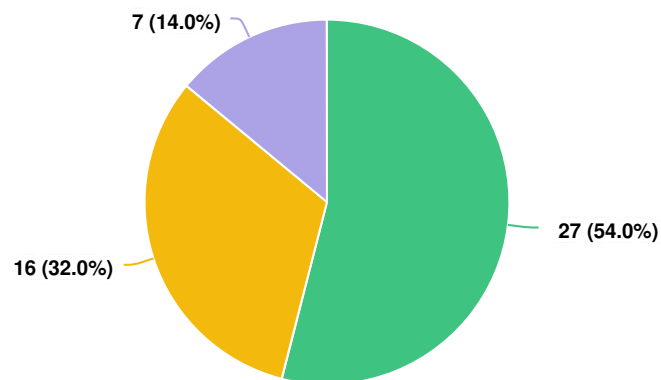
### **PROJECT NAME:**

2022 Proposed User Fees and Charges



# SURVEY QUESTIONS

**Q1 | Should the Township need to increase the amount of revenue it collects from citizens for Township provided services, how would you most prefer the Township fund this?**



**Question options**

- By increasing existing user fees (e.g. dog licensing, facility rentals, etc.)
- By introducing new types of service fees, where legislated
- By increasing property taxes

*Optional question (50 response(s), 2 skipped)*  
*Question type: Radio Button Question*

## Q2 | Do you have any comments or feedback that you would like Council to consider on the proposed User Fees and Charges?

Anonymous

8/17/2021 08:51 AM

Be reasonable. There were significant tax hikes

Anonymous

8/17/2021 11:00 AM

Happy to pay for access to puslinch lake as a resident of 40 years.  
A nominal fee to create public access for residents of puslinch

Anonymous

8/17/2021 03:55 PM

Do not increase property taxes

Anonymous

8/18/2021 01:27 PM

The dog licensing fee is unfair as Puslinch does not provide any service. Pets that are serviced by their veterinarian are given a tag with a location tag number so that if someone finds your lost pet, it can be identified and you will get an automated phone call. . I agree that a kennel should be licensed and that those with multiple pets need to be monitored. Requiring a single house pet to pay for a license is just a tax grab.

Anonymous

8/20/2021 07:27 PM

look for cost savings, rather than increases!

Anonymous

8/20/2021 08:16 PM

Not at the moment

Anonymous

8/20/2021 08:26 PM

Allow for more individual ice rink rentals. Possibly and birthday party package with the gym. Advertise more for pavilion rentals for public party bbq/picnics.

Anonymous

8/21/2021 12:36 AM

If the township is going to increase user fees than more services need to provided. Better diamond preparation before and after permit usage. Cleaning of bathrooms. Lighting of the batting cages in Old Morriston and better lighting for the diamond in general.

Anonymous

8/21/2021 10:05 PM

No property tax increases for usage related services

## 2022 Proposed User Fees and Charges : Survey Report for 20 October 2020 to 03 October 2021

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**Anonymous**  
8/21/2021 10:14 PM

Don't change them. Tax payers should receive Free skating. It's the people from Guelph and other areas that should pay the price not the tax payers.

**Anonymous**  
8/22/2021 03:38 AM

cannot afford further property tax hikes

**Anonymous**  
8/22/2021 09:25 AM

I think we could increase compliance and revenue street by allowing people to 'opt-in' on add OKs for licenses. Eg. Burn permit - I get one every year, why can we not just opt-in to having that tacked on to my property tax bill saves me the trip, saves administrative overhead, many up sides.

**Anonymous**  
8/23/2021 07:25 AM

Taxes hit everyone including people who do not use services. If you must charge fees, the people who use them should pay. Don't increase the existing fees or you will drive people away.

**Anonymous**  
8/27/2021 07:27 PM

I believe we should increase fees on building permits and surveys and anything else related to commercial development. I agree that new fees related to facility rental should be considered. We could Also consider Fees for use of the puslinch skating arena at \$5 per family maybe? However I don't agree with tennis court hourly fees unless you are going to invest in improving court surface and mtce. You could raise cost of garbage bags by even 50 cents as well or \$1. Nominal on a ten pack.

**Anonymous**  
8/30/2021 01:11 PM

stop giving money to your friends at the market and daycare so they get a free ride

**Anonymous**  
9/02/2021 05:29 PM

I do not think there should be any user fees or charges for minor sports.

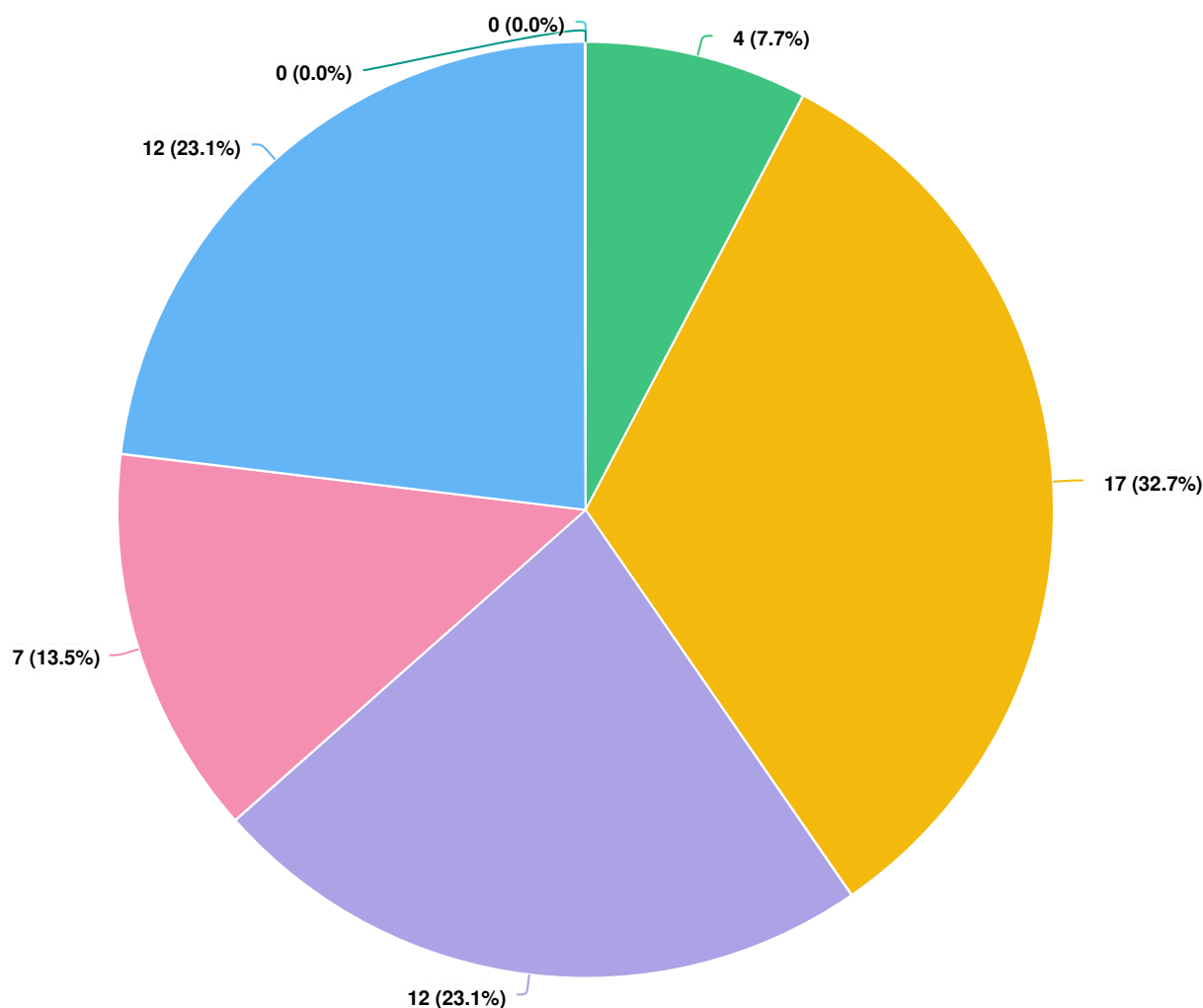
**Arkell 5**  
9/12/2021 04:55 PM

Can you please allow us to rent the Optimus Club Gym and the Ice at the same time. this would allow us to rent the facilities in Puslinch vice in the city.

**Optional question** (17 response(s), 35 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

### Q3 What is your age?



#### Question options

● 25-34 
 ● 35-44 
 ● 45-54 
 ● 55-64 
 ● 65+ 
 ● Under 18 
 ● 18-24

Optional question (52 response(s), 0 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Age	Number of Respondents
Under 18	0
18-24	0
25-34	4
35-44	17
45-54	12
54-64	7
65+	12