



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: September 11, 2023

Title: User Fees and Charges – September 2023 Amendment

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Department: Finance

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Recommendation:

THAT Council approves an amendment to the 2023 Fees and Charges By-law.

Background:

Council approved the 2023 User Fees and Charges on December 12, 2022. An amendment to Schedule B attached to that By-Law is being recommended.

Discussion:

Schedule B of the City's User Fees and Charges By-Law relates to the Dryden Regional Airport (DRA).

Over the past 10 years, the DRA has incurred an average operating deficit of approx. \$290,000/annum. With the primary users of the DRA being emergency/essential services funded by the province, Dryden's municipal taxpayers have been essentially subsidizing provincial services.

Consistent with Council's direction to strategically increase revenues and offset costs at the DRA, staff are recommending the implementation of a \$260 Medevac flat rate Landing Fee, which would take effect October 1, 2023. Greenstone and Fort Frances have taken this approach, so the new Medevac Landing Fee would align with other regional airports.

Financial Implications:

From January 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023 there have been 473 Medevac movements at the DRA. Under the current fee structure, the Medevac movements have generated approx. \$29,000 in revenues. Had the \$260 Medevac Landing Fee been in place during this period, the revenues for Medevac movements would have been \$122,980, an increase of \$93,980.

Average Medevac movements over the past 3 years (2020-2022) have been 899, with average estimated revenues being \$25,000. Therefore, this new fee would generate approx. \$209,000 ($899 \times 260 - \$25,000$) in additional revenues annually.

Attachments (Reference Material):

- Schedule B – September 2023 Amendment