

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK
CORPORATE REPORT



DATE: September 25, 2023

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Candice Gartry, Director, Financial Services

SUBJECT: 2023 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2022, No. 2447, Amendment No. 2, 2023 No. 2479

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council:

1. Receive for information the September 25, 2023, corporate report from the Director of Financial Services, titled "2023 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2022, No. 2447, Amendment No. 2, 2023 No. 2479"; and
 2. Give first, second, and third readings to the 2023 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2022, No. 2447, Amendment No. 2, 2023 No. 2479.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this corporate report is to present a second amendment to the 2023 Fees and Charges Bylaw, specifically to amend the rates to be charged for City parking decals and permits for the 2024 calendar year – Schedule "N" of the Bylaw. As the 2024 city parking decals and permits will be available for sale in early November (2023), the current Fees and Charges Bylaw must be amended to reflect the updated rates in order for the City to charge the updated fees.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

Motion # and Meeting Date	Motion Details
2023-174 April 17, 2023	THAT Council give final reading to the "2023 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2022, No. 2447, Amendment No. 1, 2023 No. 2460." CARRIED
2023-014 January 16, 2023	THAT Council give final reading to the "2023 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2022, No. 2447". CARRIED

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

Section 194 of the *Community Charter* authorizes Council, by bylaw, to establish municipal fees for services, for the use of municipal property or to exercise the authority to regulate, prohibit or impose requirements.

The City's 2024 parking decals and permits will be available for sale in early November (2023). As such, the City will be placing ads in the newspaper prior to this date in order to advertise the fees for the 2024 calendar year. Due to this timing, it is necessary to update the Fees and Charges bylaw now with the updated rates for 2024.

The attached 2023 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2022, No. 2447, Amendment No. 2, 2023 No. 2479, Schedule "N" proposes increases to the fees for City parking decals and permits as well as reserved stalls at the Montecito Parkade for the 2024 calendar year. It is necessary to increase these fees in order to assist in recovering increased costs, including inflation, associated with providing the related services. Please note that there was not a fee increase for the 2023 calendar year for these items.

The 2023 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2022, No. 2447, Amendment No. 2, 2023 No. 2479 incorporates the following fee increases:

- Centennial Park/Arena decal (annual) from \$18 to \$19;
- Resident parking decal (annual) from \$50 to \$52;
- Replacement decals from (annual) \$5 to \$6;
- Non-Resident commercial property decal from (annual) \$154 to \$160;
- Merchant decal (annual, on Marine Drive and Vidal Street) from \$369 to \$384;
- Residential decal (annual, specific properties on Marine Drive) from \$328 to \$341;
- Montecito Parkade monthly reserved stall parking rate from \$150 to \$156;
- Monthly reserved parking stall additional decals from \$31 to \$32; and
- Resident parking permits and replacement permits (annual) from \$13 to \$14.

Note: Parking decals allow for a maximum of four (4) hours of parking in City pay parking stalls. Parking permits are for parking in areas designated as Permit Parking Only (generally residential block plus adjoining block).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Annually reviewing the fees for City parking permits and decals helps to ensure that the rates remain in line with the cost of providing the related services. The impact of the proposed fee increases will be incorporated into revenues during the 2024 budget process.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS

Assistance from the Communications and Government Relations department will be sought to place the advertisement of the new rates in the newspaper and broadcast information.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

These proposed parking permit and decal fee increases align with objective 1.a. of the

Organization & Governance Priority Area.

“We commit to continuous process improvement, efficient service delivery, ...”

OPTIONS / RISKS / ALTERNATIVES

The following options are available for Council’s consideration:

1. Endorse the updated rates for city parking decals and permits for the 2024 calendar year as included in the “2023 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2022, No. 2447, Amendment No. 2, 2023 No. 2479”.
2. Not endorse the updated rates for city parking decals and permits for the 2024 calendar year as included in the “2023 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2022, No. 2447, Amendment No. 2, 2023 No. 2479”, which would result in the City continuing the charge the current rates, which were last amended for the 2022 calendar year.

CONCLUSION

The annual review of fees for City parking permits and decals helps to ensure that the rates remain in line with the cost of providing the related services. Following review, staff recommended that Council endorse the proposed fee increases and give first, second, and third readings to the 2023 Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2022, No. 2447, Amendment No. 2, 2023 No. 2479.

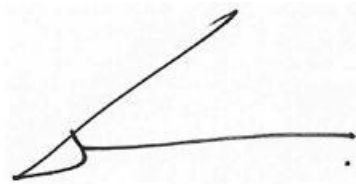
Respectfully submitted,



Candice Gartry
Director, Financial Services

Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer

I concur with the recommendations of this corporate report.



Guillermo Ferrero
Chief Administrative Officer