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Council approves changes to sports field user fees

After a thorough review of rates in other municipalities and extensive consultation with sports groups and the City's Community Services, Recreation and Culture Commission, Council has approved changes to sports field user fees that set hourly booking rates at \$5 per hour per field for youth teams and \$20 per hour per field for adult teams.

New fees will be effective immediately for one-off bookings and for the spring sports season.

"Council and staff would like to thank the many user groups for their participation and valuable input into the review process," says Ross Milnthorp, the City's general manager of parks, recreation and culture. "Community input is a key part of delivering local government services that meet community needs."

Highlights of fees for sports field bookings:

- Hourly game booking rates will be \$5 per field per hour for youth teams and \$20 per field per hour for adult teams.
- The same fee will be charged for natural grass and synthetic turf sports fields.
- Daily tournament fees are capped at eight hours (equates to \$160 per field per day for adult tournament bookings and \$40 per field per day for youth tournament bookings). Any hours beyond the first eight hours booked for the same day will be at no charge.
- Lighting fees are established at \$10 per field per hour (where lighting is available).
- Hourly practice booking rates will be the same as hourly game booking rates for specialized fields (Willow Point Park Homer Dome and All Weather Field, Robron Park Artificial Turf and Nunns Creek Lit Ball Diamond).
- Sports field user fees will be re-evaluated every two years.
- As in the past, fees can be waived for registered charity fundraisers, and the process for considering applications for charity fundraisers is under review.

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