



HRM Media Release

Changes To Booking Fees For Sport Fields, Ball Diamonds

(Tuesday, January 11, 2011) - New fees for use of sports fields and ball diamonds in HRM will help the municipality cover the costs of maintaining fields to a sustainable standard and continue to provide good services to the people who use them.

Council approved a new schedule of fees this evening, which will see rates rise in the 2011 playing season by \$10 per hour for use by adult teams. A \$5 per hour increase for minor sports booking fees will be phased in over two years in recognition of HRM's commitment to youth access to recreation opportunities.

HRM currently spends \$2.5 million on sports field maintenance but recovered just \$196,365 in revenues from user fees last year. With the changes, total fees for fields will increase to \$468,703 by year two. The last fee increase was in 1999. Rates differ by field classification and are as follows:

AA class

from \$10/hour for Adult use to \$20/hour for Adult use

from \$5/hour for Minor use to \$10/hour for Minor use (two-year phase-in)

A class

from \$9/hour for Adult use to \$19/hour for Adult use

from \$4.50/hour for Minor use to \$9.50/hour for Minor use (two-year phase-in)

B class

from \$8/hour for Adult use to \$18/hour for Adult use

from \$4/hour for Minor use to \$9/hour for Minor use (two-year phase-in)

C class

from \$7/hour for Adult use to \$17/hour for Adult use

from \$3.50/hour for Minor use to \$8.50/hour for Minor use (two-year phase-in)

D class

from \$0/hour for Adult use to \$10/hour for Adult use

from \$0/hour for Minor use to \$5/hour for Minor use (two-year phase-in)