



## Report to Council

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**Subject:** 2025-2026 Recreation User Fees

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**Approval:** Pierre Leroux, CAO

*In agreement with the recommendation based on the contents of this report*

## **Recommendation**

That council approve the updated hall rental rates for 2026 to support upcoming reservations, as well as the corrected arena rental rates for 2025/2026 to ensure pricing accuracy and alignment with regional standards.

## **Financial Considerations**

The proposed rates for 2026 have been thoroughly assessed to account for inflation and rising operational costs while keeping them accessible for users. Hall rental fees will increase by approximately 2% in 2026, ensuring financial sustainability while maintaining affordability for the community.

Additionally, corrections have been made to the 2025-2026 arena rental rates due to errors in previous reports. These adjustments ensure accuracy and fair pricing while maintaining our alignment with regional benchmarks. Comparisons indicate that our rates remain positioned above Champlain but below Casselman and Embrun supporting our goal of competitive pricing within the region.

Financial implications have been verified with annual budget and / or approved applicable policy or by-law: [YES]

## **Context**

Since 2025, non-residents have been charged an additional 25% on rental fees to ensure priority access and affordability for residents while maintaining fair cost distribution. Additionally, eligible non-profit organizations qualify for a 50% discount on hall rentals for meetings and parties under the Community Engagement Fund.

The 2026 rental rates have been introduced in anticipation of early booking requests, ensuring transparency for clients and preventing the need for mid-year adjustments. The modest increase in arena user fees aligns with regional standards without adding undue financial pressure, allowing groups such as minor hockey associations to plan accordingly.

Additionally, necessary corrections to the 2025-2026 arena rental rates ensure that all pricing reflects the true cost of facility use and remains consistent with financial planning objectives.

## **Report**

Hall rental demand has remained steady over the past few years, and projections for 2026 indicate a similar trend.

For the St-Isidore arena, an additional 1.5 to 2.5 hours per week have been rented for the 2024/2025 season, reflecting an upward trend in facility utilization. The corrected pricing ensures accurate cost and proper alignment with regional benchmarks.

With inflation impacting operational expenses, the proposed fee adjustments across facilities ensure cost recovery while maintaining fairness for users.

### **Relevance to priorities**

This recommendation aligns with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan by enhancing accessibility to recreational facilities by adjusting fees that reflect community needs and usage patterns while promoting community health and engagement.

### **Communication Plan**

Prices will be updated on the website and booking system to ensure clear and accessible information.

### **Other Option/Options to the Recommendation**

N/A

### **Attachments**

Recreation User Fees 2025 & 2026

Prescott & Russell Arena Prices