

Full Authority
18 January 2024
Agenda Item: 9

Fee Policy & Schedule 2024

Background

Please review 16 Nov 2023 Agenda #9 – CVCA Fee Policy Changes

Subsequently, at the 16th Nov 2023 Board Meeting, the following motion was carried.

FA Motion F84/23

Moved by: Jan O’Neill

Seconded by: Kim Carson

To approve the three staff recommendations as outlined in the CVCA Fee Policy staff report circulated to the Board.

Carried.

CVCA Fee Policy Changes Retraction

On the 13th of December 2023, all conservation authorities received a Ministerial Directive (see attached) from the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry stating the 2023 freeze on fees for regulations and planning will be ***extended for all of 2024***.

The motion passed at the November meeting will not need to be rescinded as the first recommendation was contingent upon the Minister not extending the freeze. The second recommendation will stand as the freeze does not apply to the hunting fees or the cottage rental fees. The third recommendation addressed housekeeping updates based on the first two recommendations.

Therefore, staff will proceed to make the changes as outlined in the second and third recommendation. No further action is required by the Board. A copy of the CVCA’s Fee Policy and Schedules showing the changes is provided for the members. The Refunds section does include the addition of a clause indicating a full refund will be issued. Management does not consider this a fee change and therefore is added for the benefit of applicants.

Consequences

This directive will not allow the CVCA to adopt the changes for the regulation fees as approved by the Board at the 16th November meeting. Regrettably, a positive step taken by the CVCA to add a fee to aid an applicant will not be allowed based on this directive.

Board Information

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