

Summary of Implemented Fees and Charges Recommendations

Sched.	Department	Rec.	Fee Recommendation	Recommendations			Comments
				2023 Fee	StrategyCorp 2024 Rec. Fee	2025 Fee as indexed	
D	By-Law Enforcement	R6	Order	75.00	140.00	143.00	
			Non-Compliance Inspection Fee	300.00	340.00	347.00	
			Return Inspection Fee	150.00	185.00	189.00	
			MTO Search	11.00	15.00	15.30	
		R7	Remove non-parking administrative penalties from schedule	n/a	n/a	n/a	Removed from schedule, administrative penalties are still in effect.
E	Cemeteries	R17	Uniform Rate for Internment Services for residents/non residents	varies	varies	varies	Non-Resident internment fees were eliminated from schedule.
		R18	Permission Forms, Commissioner of Oath	n/a	130.00	133.00	New
			Cemetery Records/Ancestral Search	n/a	105.00	107.00	New
			Search - Each Additional half hour	n/a	n/a	53.55	Staff recommendation to recoup full costs.
			Search - Photocopies	n/a	n/a	0.20	Staff recommendation to recoup full costs.
			CD or USB device(each)			10.20	Staff recommendation to recoup full costs.
			Duplicate Rights Holder Certificate	n/a	170.00	173.40	New
			Memorial Bench	n/a	105.00	990.00	Fees aligned with Schedule M - Recreation/Facility Rentals as approved by Council.
			Tree Installation	n/a	105.00	240.00	Fees aligned with Schedule M - Recreation Facility Rentals approved fees
F	Clerks	R4	Death Registration	13.50	17.50	21.50	Fee increase to 25.50 for 2026 per Study.
			Liquor Licence/Special Events Registration	25.75	32.17	32.80	
			Routine Disclosure Fee	10.00	35.00	36.00	
			Marriage Ceremony - Cancellation Fee	n/a	125.00	127.50	New
			Marriage Ceremony - Witness Fee	n/a	25.00	25.50	New

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G	Committee of Adjustment (COA)	R20	Minor Variance (Type 1) Application	2,760.21	3,000.00	3,060.00		
			Minor Variance (Type 2) Application	1,592.43	1,700.00	1,734.00		
			Processing Application for Consent (Severance)	2,760.21	3,000.00	3,060.00		
H	Finance	R1	Tax Sale Admin - Eligibility (Step 1)	515.00	70.00	73.80	Formerly one fee, News replace and allocate revenue at the stage of work completed.	
			Tax Sale Admin - Farm Debt (Step 2)		45.00	47.50		
			Tax Sale Admin - Registration (Step 3)		260.00	274.20		
			Tax Sale Admin - Tax Sale (Step 4)		140.00	147.70		
		R2	Tax Sale Extension Agreement - Registered	n/a	255.00	260.10	New	
			Tax Sale Eligible Property - Payment Plan Arrangements	n/a	125.00	127.50	New	
			Preparation of Letter - Income Tax or Other Purposes		44.00	44.60	Updates language and aligns with existing fee.	
			Non-Canadian Funds Charge	n/a	32.00	32.60	New	
			Arrears/Reminder Notice	n/a	5.75	5.90	New	
		R3	Returned Cheque Fee (NSF)		31.00	49.00	37.60	Staff decision to adjust to 75% cost recovery instead of recommendation.
			Hard copy of tax account or bill reprint		11.00	13.00	13.30	Emailed copies will remain at previous rate plus index.
			Ownership/Mailing address changes		21.00	27.00	27.50	Increase to ownership change rate due to complexity. Mailing address changes will remain at the previous rate plus index.
			Mortgage electronic listings (Per Roll)		6.00	8.00	8.20	

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I	Fire Services	R8	Explore feasibility of aligning non-QEW rate with 2024 MTO rate.	798.25	560.00	841.90	Not required, potential negative revenue impact.
		R9	Increase hourly inspection rate to align with comparator group.	185.40	230.00	234.60	Hourly rate increased and associated rates for subsequent associated rates.
		R10	Removed fees for services not currently provided.	n/a	n/a	n/a	Included Open Air Burning Site Insp, Marijuana Grow Op/Drug Lab Invest., File Report/Search pert to environmental issue.
		R11	Merge Fee groups currently charged at same rate	n/a	n/a	n/a	For clarity and consolidation of schedule, grouped hourly response fees.
J	Grimsby Regional Training Centre	R14	Consider reducing training tower rate due to declining demand and increase competitiveness.	1,225.98	860.00	877.20	Partner rates were eliminated in 2023, reduced rates are hoped to promote use by neighbouring Fire Services.
		R15	Introduce new fee for community groups or organizations to utilize GRTC's classroom spaces	n/a	267.07	281.67	Fee added for clarity, rate is consistent with existing classroom rental rates.
		R16	New equipment Rental fee - Randy Rescue Rental (mannequin)	n/a	5.00	5.10	Full day rate, rate adjusted for half day use.
			New equipment Rental fee - Portable Radio	n/a	20.00	20.40	Full day rate, rate adjusted for half day use.
K	Planning and Development	R19	Restore the Site Plan (Type 3) application fee to 2022 level	1,321.72	2,880.81	2,938.00	
		R22	Introduce Application fee for Settlement area boundary	n/a	80,000.00	81,600.00	Fee will be added to ensure schedule is complete, no anticipated immediate use.
		R24	Provision to enable municipality to recover 100% of all legal/professional services associated with cost of reviewing planning applications.	n/a	n/a	n/a	

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L	Public Works	R29	Introduce new item to all for full recovery of actual costs for 3rd party review and studies.	n/a	n/a	n/a	Full cost recovery. Added to schedule, Schedule L, Note 6.		
		R30	Implement upfront Engineering Administration Fee to be reconciled with final fees at plan registration.	n/a	n/a	n/a	Implemented, Schedule L, Note 8.		
		R31	Increase - Entrance Permit Fee	123.60	215.00	219.30			
			Increase - Site Servicing Permit	123.60	215.00	219.30			
			Increase - Lot Grading Review and Inspection	257.50	350.00	357.00			
			Increase Site Alteration Permit	500.00	600.00	612.00			
		R32	Implement new fees to ensure compliance with permit timelines. Order (Permit Non-Compliance)	n/a	75.00	76.50			
			Non-compliance Inspection Fee	n/a	300.00	306.00			
		P	Public Works/Water	R33	Increase - Administration fee - new account set up	43.00	48.00	49.00	
					Increase Transfer to Tax Roll	43.00	50.00	45.40	Decision to hold at indexed fee for 2025
R34	New Fee - Hard copy of Account History or Bill Reprint			n/a	13.00	13.30	New		
	New Fee - emailed copy Account history or Bill Reprint			n/a	n/a	11.60	New		
R35	Increase Water on/off charge			53.09	110.00	112.20			
	Increase Meter supply and Install cost (amounts reference average meter cost and increase)			595.55	700.00	714.00	Recommendation was for average meter cost (18% increase), actual increases noted below.		
	16mm (5/8") with RFT			537.26	633.97	646.65			
	16mm (5/8") x 20mm (3/4") with RFT			537.26	633.97	646.65			
	20mm (3/4") with RFT			601.16	709.37	723.56			
	25mm (1") with RFT			708.26	835.75	852.46			
R36	Implement and enforce consistent policy for charging residents both on/off water service fees.			n/a	n/a	n/a	Recommendation is In response to staff question about potential one-way charge for water on/off.		
R37	New Fee - Sewer Lateral Investigations			n/a	575.00	344.25	Service previously provided without charge. Phasing in over 3 years to recommended fee level and indexing.		
	Sewer Lateral Investigation, after hours, evenings, weekends and holiday rate			n/a	n/a	680.85	PW Staff requested after hours fee for evenings, weekends and holidays.		

Department	Rec.	Recommendations for Future Consideration
Fire	R12	Prepare a business case to explore the addition of a new staff resource to provide additional administrative support for incident response and inspection invoicing.
	R13	Explore the use of a third-party service to strengthen GFD's ability to recover eligible costs incurred by GFD during incident callouts.
Planning	R21	Alongside Council, examine the feasibility of adopting new fee structures recently implemented by comparator municipalities (e.g. base fee plus variable fee for residential development).
	R23	Consider implementing new fees for applicants seeking to undertake alterations to properties designated under the Ontario Heritage Act (i.e. Heritage Permit)
	R25	Introduce a provision within Schedule G that permits a waiver or partial subsidy for Committee of Adjustment applications submitted by charitable organizations, contingent upon the intended use or anticipated public benefit of the land utilization.
	R26	Conduct a comprehensive Development Approval Process Review to identify recommendations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Grimsby's development review process and further assess the potential impacts of new Provincial legislation (i.e. Bill 185) on current fee structures.
	R27	Continue to monitor demand for pre-consultation services, given that Bill 185 has removed pre-consultation meetings as a mandatory requirement.
Building	R28	Reassess current allocation levels to mitigate the risk of non-compliance with the Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act, 2022.