

Subject: FW: Recreation Fee Surcharge --agenda item #6

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My reply to Lisa Muri and to Nancy McMillan, she of the Rec Commission.

When I enquired as to why this surcharge for all who pay in instalments? I was told BY Commission staff that it is to make up for the extra staff work caused by those who have DEFAULTED ON THEIR PAYMENTS, for those whose cheque has bounced and/or who are late in their payments etc.

In the explanation provided by Nancy McMillan she states that the reason is "because of default and or OTHERWISE". The question is what is the otherwise reason? - it would appear that the staff who told me that the surcharge for ALL including those who pay on time is to make up for the default of the few who do not on time is correct after all.

On the whole this measure once again shows how far the Rec Commission has deviated from its mandate. It would occur to me anyway that the reason why some people pay in instalments is for economic reasons. So what is the Commission's solution? charge more, not only because it results in extra administrative cost because of people who pay in instalments but also to make up for the losses from people who have defaulted in their payments altogether. A most curious philosophy for an organisation not paying any taxes and receiving an additional close to \$ 6 million dollar subsidy from the District alone.

Ernie Crist

> *From:* Lisa Muri
> *Sent:* Monday, November 01, 2004 12:44 PM
> *To:* Mayor and Council - DNV; James Ridge
> *Subject:* FW: Recreation Fee Surcharge --agenda item #6

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> *Just some information I thought the might be helpful in order to
> clarify the issue of an administration fee and why, Lisa*

> *From:* Nancy McMillan
> *Sent:* Monday, November 01, 2004 12:35 PM
> *To:* Lisa Muri
> *Cc:* Chair Sandy Fleming (E-mail 2); Alan Nixon
> *Subject:* Recreation Fee Surcharge --agenda item #6

> *Hello Councillor Muri,*

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> *In answer to your question,*
> *adults that pay once for the entire year pay \$301.55;*
> *adults that pay by 12 scheduled payments pay \$316.55;*
> *adults purchasing 4 -three month memberships pay \$404.00.*
> *(Anyone who has financial hardship would qualify for assistance)*

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> *As you can see, those paying a onetime amount pay the least
> --reflective of the lowest administration time. Those methods that
> require more processing time pay incrementally higher amounts.*

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> *The 12 scheduled payment option is considered innovative in public
> recreation and to my knowledge only currently undertaken by the NVRC.
> There are associated costs with processing all these scheduled
> payments (defaulted or otherwise). This \$15/year surcharge allows the
> NVRC to continue to offer this option.*

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> Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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