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DATE	18 March 1997
TO/DEST.	Co-ordinator Transportation Committee
FROM/EXP.	Director Mobility Services and Corporate Fleet Services Environment and Transportation Department
SUBJECT/OBJET	PERMIT FEES

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Transportation Committee recommend Council approve the proposed fees in the chart attached as Annex A.

BACKGROUND

The Department normally reviews its permit fees annually and adjusts them to reflect the national cost of living increase for the previous year, as reported by Statistics Canada.

DISCUSSION

Due to recent low cost of living increases and corresponding small differences the permit fee structure has remained constant for five years.

The present recommended permit fee increases therefore reflect the cost of living increases for the previous five years (1.5% in 1992, 1.8% in 1993, 0.2% in 1994, 2.1% in 1995 and 1.6% in 1996). Hence, the chart, attached as Annex A, compares the existing permit fees to those which would result from a 7.2% increase. Publication distribution boxes (formerly called “newspaper vending boxes”) and oversized/overweight vehicles are the exceptions.

The proposed fees have been compounded and rounded to the nearest dollar or half-dollar (or cent in the case of surface encroachments).

PUBLICATION DISTRIBUTION BOXES

One exception to the recommended fee increase is for publication distribution boxes.

When Council approved the permit fee increase for 1992, publication distribution boxes were exempted. At that time, a two year moratorium on permit fee increases for publication distribution boxes (1993 and 1994) was also approved.

It is therefore recommended that only the cost of living increase for 1995 and 1996 (3.7%) be extended to the publication distribution box permit fee. This translates into a \$2.00 annual increase (from \$53.00 to \$55.00) for each box located on the Region's road allowance.

OVERSIZED/OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES

A second exception to the recommended fee increase is for oversized and overweight vehicles travelling on Regional roads.

Since the Region began issuing permits for oversized and overweight vehicles travelling on its roads, the fee structure has been established as follows: \$10.00 per day, \$35.00 per three months and \$75.00 per year. A survey of other jurisdictions in Ontario revealed that the fee for a daily permit, for example, ranges anywhere from \$0.00 to \$150.00.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the Region's permit fees in this regard be increased and made consistent with those charged by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO). These are: \$25.00 per day (MTO refers to this as a "single trip" permit), \$100.00 per three months (MTO refers to this as a "project" permit and can be made valid for up to six months) and \$150.00 per year.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

With the exception of oversized/overweight vehicle permits, the financial implication is consistent with the relatively low annual inflation rates since 1992. Owners of oversized and overweight vehicles operating in Ottawa-Carleton however have benefited over the years in that the Region's fees for travelling on its roads have never increased.

Those subject to the other permit charges have benefited over the past five years as fees assessed were at 1991 levels.

Based on permits issued in 1996 and revenue received as a result, it is anticipated that the recommended permit fee increases will amount to an annual revenue increase of \$15,500.00.

CONSULTATION

Restaurateurs who had outdoor cafes in 1996 and representatives of the trucking and publication industries were informed of the relevant proposed permit fee increases and date of the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for consideration of these issues.

*Approved by
Doug Brousseau*

ANNEX A

TYPE OF PERMIT	FEES	
	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Part 2.5 Road Cuts S.2.5.4(2) Permit	\$100.00	\$107.50
Part 2.6 Private Approaches S.2.6.17(6) Permit	\$67.00	\$72.00
S.2.6.21(7) Inspection Fee	\$34.00	\$36.50
Part 2.10 Encroachments		
S.2.10.4(1)(c) Perm. Encr. Processing Fee	\$56.00	\$60.00
S.2.10.4(5)(b) Temp. Encr. Processing Fee	\$34.00	\$36.50
S.2.10.4(6) Temp. - Renewal Processing Fee	\$34.00	\$36.50
S.2.10.21(3) Publication Distribution Box	\$53.00	\$55.00
Surface Encroachment		
(a) roadway minimum charge	0.85/m ² /day \$17.00	0.91/m ² /day \$18.50
(b) shoulder and sidewalk minimum charge	0.85/m ² /day \$17.00	0.91/m ² /day \$18.50
(c) outdoor cafe	0.85/m ² /day	0.91/m ² /day
(d) boulevard minimum charge	0.37/m ² /day \$17.00	0.40/m ² /day \$18.50
(e) vehicles - loading and unloading	\$17.00	\$18.50
Subsurface Encroachment	\$56.00	\$60.00
Aerial Encroachment (no charge for Christmas or street decorations)	\$29.00	\$31.00
Oversized/Overweight Vehicle		
(a) per day	\$10.00	\$25.00
(b) per 3 months	\$35.00	\$100.00
(c) per year	\$75.00	\$150.00