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Lower Trent Conservation Seeking Public Input on Proposed 2020 Fee Policy and Schedules

Lower Trent Conservation is seeking public input on its proposed *2020 Fee Policy and Schedules*. If approved, next year's fee schedules would include slight increases geared to help cover the costs for development review services and products that are not supported through provincial grant funding. Revenue generated from this user pay system helps to reduce the burden on local municipalities and taxpayers at large.

"We have proposed a number of modest increases for 2020," says Rhonda Bateman, Lower Trent Conservation CAO. "The majority of these increases are based on a 2% rise that aligns closely with the Bank of Canada's projected cost of inflation."

"Our fees take into account estimated staff time, travel, and material costs to provide the service, but still only partially covers the cost of their delivery," adds Bateman.

Many of the proposed changes to the fee schedule are for permits and review of planning applications. Additionally, a new fee of \$100 for commercial rental of the [Goodrich-Loomis Conservation Centre](#) has been proposed along with a deposit requirement for booking large group gatherings and other special events such as weddings at the authority's conservation areas.

"The only other new fee added to the *2020 Fee Policy and Schedule* is a \$50 charge for non-sufficient funds payments," says Bateman. "This is necessary in order to cover the cost of banking and other administration fees associated with NSF cheques."

A copy of the proposed *2020 Fee Policy & Schedules* can be viewed at www.LTC.on.ca, or in-person at the Lower Trent Conservation Administration Office, 714 Murray Street, Trenton. Comments must be submitted in writing to the attention of Anna Morgan at information@LTC.on.ca or by mail to: Lower Trent Conservation, 714 Murray Street, R.R. 1, Trenton, ON K8V 5P4. Deadline for public input is **11:59 pm on Friday, November 8, 2019**.

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