

City of Mississauga
Corporate Report



<p>Date: March 10, 2026</p> <p>To: Chair and Members of General Committee</p>	<p>Originator's files:</p>
<p>From: Raj Sheth, P.Eng, Commissioner of Community Services</p>	<p>Meeting date: April 8, 2026</p>

Subject

Amending the 2026 Fees and Charges By-law 0165-2025, Schedule "D" (Parks, Forestry and Environment Fees and Charges) to add Marina Launch Ramp Use Fees

Recommendation

1. That Schedule "D" (Parks, Forestry and Environment Fees and Charges) of the 2026 Fees and Charges By-law 0165-2025 be amended, to add marina launch ramp use fees, as outlined in Appendix 3 of the Corporate Report from the Commissioner of Community Services, dated March 10, 2026, and entitled "Amending the 2026 Fees and Charges By-law 0165-2025, Schedule "D" (Parks, Forestry and Environment Fees and Charges) to Add Marina Launch Ramp Use Fees)
2. That all necessary by-laws be enacted.

Executive Summary

- The City of Mississauga currently does not charge a fee for the use of the three municipal boat launch ramps.
- These facilities experience high volumes of use, particularly during weekends and peak summer months, resulting in increased operational pressures including staffing and security requirements.
- This report recommends the introduction of launch fees to align with surrounding municipalities and partially alleviate financial pressures associated with managing high-use waterfront assets

Background

The City operates three public boat launch ramps located at Marina Park and Lakefront Promenade Park (two ramps). See Appendix 1: Launch Ramp Locations. The boat launches are used approximately 8,000 times annually, with summer weekends representing peak usage. While the City celebrates use of waterfront assets, this high frequency usage increases the operational requirements associated with managing the launch ramp including additional staffing and at times, security on-site, to ensure orderly conduct and organized use of the launch ramps. This has increased the operational costs associated with managing the launch ramps to over \$70,000 annually for operations from May to Labour Day weekend in September.

The Mississauga Marina By-law (By-law 0187-2005) authorizes the City to require payment for launch ramp usage where established in the Fees and Charges By-law; however, no such fee currently exists.

Comments

A benchmarking review of comparable municipalities indicates that most charge daily watercraft launch fees, ranging between \$14.00 and \$30.00. Additionally, these marinas do not employ a Resident vs. Non-Resident Fee. Upon review of the processes used by other Municipalities, the majority use a self-serve web platform with the other using phone payment, on-site self-serve terminals and two marinas offer an on-site staffed kiosk for payment. See Appendix 2: Launch Ramp Fees Benchmarking.

The proposed Mississauga fees are consistent with prevailing municipal practices and also include resident and non-resident fee tiers to align with existing Parks, Forestry & Environment fee structures and to ensure a reduced cost to City of Mississauga residents.

Recommendation

Approve the introduction of launch ramp fees to be charged for use at the City's launch ramps, effective May 2026. The watercraft launch fee tiers and amounts are outlined in Appendix 3.

Staff request authorization to implement an electronic, self-serve payment model for the collection of launch fees. Additional options will be available Monday to Friday via the marina office.

Financial Impact

The inclusion of marina launch ramp use fees in the 2026 Fees and Charges By-law 0165-2025 is anticipated to generate annual revenues of approximately \$65,000, based on user data available and the average proposed fee. These estimated revenues will be captured in Cost Centre 25240 – PF&ENVIR Parks-Credit Village Marina and Cost Centre 25237 - PF&ENVIR Parks-Promenade Marina Administration under GL Account 525105 – Fees General.

The introduction of launch fees will offset a portion of operational costs associated with managing launch ramp facilities, including staffing and security during peak usage periods. Staff will introduce a revenue budget once actual revenues are assessed after two operational years.

Conclusion

Introducing watercraft launch fees will align Mississauga with surrounding municipalities, support sustainable waterfront operations, and establish a consistent user-pay model.

Attachments

Appendix 1: Launch Ramp Locations

Appendix 2: Launch Ramp Fee Benchmarking

Appendix 3: Amendments to Fees and Charges Bylaw



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