

Recommendation to Revise the Family and Community Services User Fees and Charges Policy SER-005-002**Report Purpose**

To bring forward to Council recommendations for revisions to the Family and Community Services User Fees and Charges Policy SER-005-002.

Recommendation

THAT revised policy SER-005-002 Family and Community Services User Fees, Charges and Subsidies, as set out in enclosure 1 of the July 5, 2022 Family and Community Services report, be approved.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Goal 1 - Build strong communities to support the diverse needs of residents

Report

- The Family and Community Services User Fees and Charges Policy SER-005-002 was approved by Council on June 5, 2018 and was scheduled for review June 2021.
 - Family and Community Services was assigned the administrative responsibility for this policy.
- Recommendations for revisions to the Family and Community Services User Fees and Charges Policy include:
 - alignment to the Social Framework outcomes,
 - adjusting the policy to guide subsidy administration and
 - the use of Low Income Cut Off (LICO) plus 30 percent as an eligibility criterion for municipal subsidy programs.
- Changing subsidy guidelines to LICO plus 30 percent will bring Strathcona County in line with other municipalities and increase access to subsidies for individuals and families.
- Updating the eligibility criteria to LICO plus 30 percent has a high return on investment for the County by increasing affordability and access to individuals and families and enabling residents to fully participate in the community.

Council and Committee History

June 5, 2018	THAT the amendments to the SER-005-002 Family and Community Services Fees and Charges Policy, as set out in Enclosure 1 to the Family and Community Services report, be approved.
June 28, 2022	Council approved: THAT Low Income Cut Off (LICO) plus 30 percent as the eligibility guideline for resident access to municipal subsidies, be approved, and that Administration identify and bring forward any associated policy amendments for Council's consideration by the end of the third quarter of 2022.

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Financial/Budget: n/a

Interdepartmental: n/a

Master Plan/Framework: Strathcona County Social Framework

Enclosures

- 1 SER-005-002 Family and Community Services User Fees Charges and Subsidies Policy - Revised
- 2 SER-005-002 Family and Community Services User Fees and Charges Policy - Current