

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD

By-Law No. 2077-26

BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES AND THE USE OF PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD.

WHEREAS Subsection 391(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended authorizes municipalities to pass by-laws to impose fees or charges on persons,

- a) for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of the municipality;
b) for costs payable by it for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of any other municipality or local board; and
c) and for the use of its property including property under its control.

AND WHEREAS Subsection 391 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides that a fee or charge imposed for capital costs related to services or activities may be imposed on persons not receiving an immediate benefit from the services or activities but who will receive a benefit at some point in the future;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 398(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended provides that fees and charges imposed by a municipality or local board on a person constitute a debt of the person to the municipality or local board, respectively;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 398 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 fees imposed pursuant to this by-law constitute a debt of the owner to the Municipality and may be added to the tax roll of the property to which the fees relate, and the owner of which is responsible for paying the fee or charge and shall be collected in like manner as municipal taxes;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 23.1(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended authorizes a municipality to delegate its powers and duties to a person subject to the restrictions set out in that Part;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 69(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, provides that the council of a municipality may, by by-law, establish a tariff of fees for the processing of applications made in respect of planning matters, which tariff shall be designed to meet only the anticipated cost to the municipality or to a committee of adjustment or land division committee constituted by the council of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS Section 7 of the Building Code Act, R.S.O. 1992, as amended provides that the council of a municipality may pass by-laws requiring the payment of fees for applications for and issuance of permits and prescribing the amounts thereof, and providing for refunds of fees under such circumstances as are prescribed;

AND WHEREAS the council of the Corporation of the Township of Laird is desirous of establishing user fees and charges to recover some of the costs for services and facilities provided by the Corporation;

NOW THEREFORE The council of the Corporation of the Township of Laird hereby ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. That the user fees, charges and rents as specified in Schedules "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "F", "G", and "H" attached to this by-law shall be charged by the Corporation of the Township of Laird for services and activities provided by the Corporation, for costs payable by it for services or activities provided

by or on behalf of another municipality or local board, and for the use of property owned or under the control of the Corporation.

2. All fees and charges set out in this by-law shall be payable prior to the provision of the service unless an agreement in writing is made to the contrary and approved by a municipal official.
3. In the event any fee or charge imposed herein remains unpaid after provision of the service or is otherwise in arrears in excess of 30 days, such fees or charges may be added to the Tax Roll for any real property in the municipality, the owner of which is responsible for paying the fee or charge and shall be collected in like manner as municipal taxes.
4. Council hereby delegates to each Department Head of the Corporation of the Township of Laird, the authority to administer such fees and charges and approve such forms and procedures as may be required for the efficient administration of the fees and charges.
5. Any person who is required to pay a fee for the processing of an application in respect of a planning matter may pay the amount of the fee under protest and thereafter appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal against the levying of the fee or the amount of the fee by giving written notice of appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal within 30 days of payment of the fee.
6. The Ontario Land Tribunal shall hear an appeal made under Clause (5) and shall dismiss the appeal or direct that a refund payment be made to the appellant in such amount as the Tribunal determines.
7. The fees set out in the by-law shall be reviewed on an annual basis prior to the adoption of the current budget and Where there is a conflict between fees listed in this by-law and those listed in any other by-law, the fees contained in this by-law shall prevail.
8. That the following schedules attached hereto shall form part of this by-law:
Schedule "A" Administration and Corporate Services Fees
Schedule "B" Facility Rental Fees
Schedule "C" Public Works and Road Services Fees
Schedule "D" Protective Services Fees
Schedule "E" Planning and Development Fees
Schedule "F" Building Permit Fees
Schedule "G" Waste Disposal Site Fees
Schedule "H" Cemetery Fees
9. That any previous by-law or amendments thereto respecting fees and charges in the Township of Laird be hereby repealed and replaced.
10. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this by-law and any other by-law, the provisions of this by-law shall prevail.
11. This by-law shall come into force and effect on the date of passing, or as otherwise specified in the schedules attached hereto.

READ and passed in open council this 19th of March, 2026.

Mayor _____
Shawn Evoy

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Clerk _____
Jennifer Errington

BY-LAW #2077-26**SCHEDULE "A" – ADMINISTRATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES FEES**

Service	Description	Fee
Tax Certificate	3-5 business days	\$50.00 per roll
Expedited Tax Certificate	Requested within 48 hours	\$100.00 per roll
Penalty and Interest	Applied to unpaid taxes	1.25% per month
Outgoing Fax	First page	\$2.00
Outgoing Fax	Each additional page	\$1.00
Photocopies (Letter/Legal)	Black & white	\$0.25 per page
Photocopies (11"x17")	Black & white	\$0.50 per page
Colour Photocopies		\$0.50 per page
Scanning and Emailing Documents		\$3.00 per document
NSF Cheque Service Charge		\$50.00 per cheque
Freedom of Information Request	Application Fee (MFIPPA)	\$5.00
MFIPPA Research Time		\$7.50 per 15 minutes
MFIPPA Photocopies		\$0.25 per page
Lottery License		No Fee
Civil Marriage Ceremony	Includes pre-meeting(s) and rehearsal	\$300.00 plus mileage
Additional Ceremony (non-legal or legal)		\$100.00 plus mileage

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SCHEDULE “B” – FACILITY RENTAL FEES

Hall Rental

Facility	Description	Fee
Hall Rental – No Kitchen	Laird Hall or Bar River Hall (maximum 2 hours)	\$20.00
Hall Rental – Limited Kitchen Use	Coffee/tea only; no cooking or dishes	\$60.00
Hall and Kitchen Rental	Full kitchen use including dishes, cutlery and refrigeration	\$100.00
Hall and Kitchen with Alcohol	Full kitchen use	\$120.00 plus \$50.00 refundable deposit

Laird Fairgrounds

Facility	Description	Fee
Whole Facility	Includes gazebo, kitchen and fenced grounds (racetrack excluded)	\$475.00 weekend
Whole Facility		\$280.00 per day
Gazebo Area	Includes kitchen, washroom, dance area and bar facilities	\$150.00 per day
Horse Facility	Includes two barns, arena and concession booth	\$350.00 weekend
Horse Facility		\$175.00 per day
Large Barn		\$50.00
Gazebo with Horse Event		\$125.00 per day

Horse Arena Rental

Rental Type	Fee
Weekday evenings after 6:00 p.m.	\$35.00 (with Township grooming \$60.00)
Weekday daytime (11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)	\$50.00 (with Township grooming \$75.00)

Laird Fairgrounds Storage

Storage Type	Fee
Indoor Winter Storage	\$18.00 per foot (including tongue length)
Outdoor Storage	\$100.00 per unit

Other Fairgrounds Fees

Service	Fee
Commercial Rentals (Friday setup, Saturday, Sunday)	\$500.00
Additional Days	\$100.00 per day
Table Rentals	\$30.00 per day
Table Rental Deposit	\$30.00 refundable
Not-for-Profit Organizations	No rental fee (subject to availability)
Layover Fee (travellers with horses)	\$50.00

Deposit required for fairgrounds rentals: 50% of the rental fee (non-refundable).

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SCHEDULE "C" – PUBLIC WORKS AND ROAD SERVICES FEES

Equipment and Operator

Service	Fee
Backhoe with Operator	\$135.00 per hour
Dump Truck with Operator	\$110.00 per hour
Grader with Operator	\$180.00 per hour
Plow Truck with Operator	\$180.00 per hour

Note: The equipment and operator fees are to be used for the purpose of the Shared Service Agreements.

Culverts and Entrances

Service	Fee
New Culvert / Entrance	Cost recovery for culvert and granular material (includes two loads)
Culvert Repair/Replacement – Municipal Damage	No charge
Culvert Repair/Replacement – Owner Damage	Property owner responsible for all costs
Additional Entrances or Culverts	Cost recovery for culvert and additional granular material

Civic Addressing

Service	Fee
911 Sign – New Entrance	No charge
911 Post – New Entrance	No charge
Replacement 911 Sign	\$40.00
Replacement 911 Post	\$20.00

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SCHEDULE "D" – PROTECTION SERVICES FEES

Animal Control

Service	Fee
Dog Licence	No fee
Registered Kennel Fee	\$100.00
Replacement Dog Tag	\$5.00
Municipal Pound Intake Fee	\$100.00 or as invoiced by SPCA
Impound Fee	\$20.00 per day
After-Hours Intake	\$65.00
Sault Ste. Marie Humane Society Fees	As invoiced
Veterinary Fees / Euthanasia	As invoiced

Note: SPCA refers to the Sault Ste. Marie Humane Society.

By-law Enforcement

Service	Fee
Order Compliance Fee (for lifting an order issued due to non-compliance)	\$150.00

Fire and Emergency Response

Service	Fee
Fire and Emergency Response Services	Current Ministry of Transportation (MTO) or Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) rates, as applicable.

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SCHEDULE “E” - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FEES

All planning application fees are established pursuant to Section 69 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990*. Fees are intended to recover the anticipated cost of processing applications. Fees are non-refundable, regardless of approval or denial. Additional costs incurred for planning peer review or legal notices are charged to the applicant at actual cost.

Application	Fee
Confirmation Letter	\$50.00
Minor Variance	\$900.00
Additional Variance on Same Application	\$200.00
Zoning By-law Amendment	\$1,800.00
Official Plan Amendment	TBD – to be established following adoption of the Official Plan
Planning Peer Review Service Fee	Charged to applicant at actual cost for services provided by the Township’s planning consultant.
Consent Application	\$1,200.00
Additional Consent Application (Application fee is applied for on the same subject land at the same time.)	\$600.00

Note: All consent applications will be taken to the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board which is located at 27 Barr Rd. Desbarats, Ontario

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SCHEDULE "F" – BUILDING PERMIT FEES

1.	<u>CLASS OF PERMIT</u>	<u>PERMIT FEE</u>
a)	To construct or renovate a Building	
	i) with a residential construction value of less than \$1,000.00.	\$40.00
	ii) with a residential construction value of each \$1,000 or more portion thereof	\$100.00 plus \$5.00 for \$1,000.00 of value or
	iii) with a commercial construction value of less than \$1,000.00	\$50.00
	iv) with a commercial construction value of \$1,000.00 or more	\$150.00 plus \$5.00 for each \$1,000.00 of value or portion thereof.
b)	To move a building.	\$50.00
c)	To demolish a building	
	i) residence	\$75.00
	ii) accessory	\$50.00
	iii) commercial	\$250.00
d)	To authorize occupancy of a building (when required)	\$100.00
e)	Partial permit	25% of Total Permit Fee
f)	Conditional permit	25% of Total Permit Fee
g)	Change of use permit	\$250.00
h)	Transfer of permit	\$150.00
i)	Deferral of revocation (per instance)	\$100.00
2.	Where building permit fees are based on the value of the proposed work, such valuation shall be based on the following;	
a)	construction of outbuildings, (sheds, garages, bunkies, farm buildings, etc.)	
	i) interior unfinished	\$35.00 per sq. ft.
	ii) interior finished	\$50.00 per sq. ft.
	iii) second floor (garage, etc.)	\$25.00 per sq. ft.
	iv) tarp type buildings	\$20.00 per sq. ft.
b)	construction of decks, patios, landings	
	i) uncovered	\$30.00 per sq. ft.
	ii) covered	\$40.00 per sq. ft.
c)	construction of carports	\$40.00 per sq. ft.
d)	construction of:	
	i) house, basement	\$ 50.00 per sq. ft.
	ii) house, first floor	\$145.00 per sq. ft.
	iii) house, second floor	\$ 65.00 per sq. ft.
	iv) house, storey and one-half	\$145.00 per sq. ft.
	v) all house sizes shall have	minimum of \$1000 sq. ft.

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| e) | commercial buildings | \$100.00 per sq. ft. |
| f) | industrial buildings | \$100.00 per sq. ft. |
| g) | Renovation of: | |
| | i) house exterior, siding, windows or doors | \$100.00 per permit |
| | ii) house minor interior alterations | \$100.00 per permit |
| h) | installation of solar panels | \$50.00 per sq ft. |
| i) | roofing permit | \$75.00 per permit |
| | (includes one free load to disposal site, permit number to be used at waste disposal site) | |

Note: Commercial & Industrial rates may be determined by consultation with the Chief Building Official, Council.

3. The determination of whether a permit is required and what class of permit is required is at the discretion of the Chief Building Official.
4. The building permit fee for any building or work begun prior to the issuance of a building permit for such building or work shall be double (i.e. 2 times) the regular permit fee.
5. Any project \$500,000.00 and over will have the fee set by Council and the Chief Building Official.

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SCHEDULE "G" – WASTE DISPOSAL SITE FEES

Municipal Residential Waste

Service	Fee
Household Garbage	No Charge
Mattresses, upholstered furniture/sofas/chairs	\$10.00 per item
Major household appliances – tagged/white metal	No Charge
All household appliances with Freon, including but not limited to refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners	\$35.00 per item

Commercial/Industrial/Institutional/ Residential

General/Usual Waste:

Hauled by contractor or self-hauled, apportioned accordingly by:

Service	Fee
Half-ton truck or single-axle trailer (1/2 load)	\$15.00
Half-ton truck or single-axle trailer (full load)	\$30.00
Tandem axle trailer	\$75.00
Single axle (1-ton) truck	\$75.00
Tandem truck	\$150.00
Triaxle truck	\$250.00
Large bins	\$250.00 per bin

Scrap Metal

Service	Fee
All scrap metal including metal furniture (Bins at Waste Disposal Site)	No Charge

Tires

Service	Fee
Tires – In designated areas of Waste Disposal Site	No Charge

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SCHEDULE “H” – CEMETERY FEES

Interment Rights – Full Size Burial Plot

Category	Interment Rights	Care & Maintenance	HST	Total
Non-Ratepayer / Non-Former Resident	\$400.00	\$290.00	\$89.70	\$779.70
Ratepayer / Former Ratepayer / Former Resident	\$250.00	\$290.00	\$70.20	\$610.20
Transfer of Interment Rights	\$75.00		9.75	84.75

Disinterment Charges

Service	Fee	HST	Total
Disinterment of Burial	\$2,500.00	\$325.00	\$2,825.00
Disinterment of Cremains	\$500.00	\$65.00	\$565.00

Opening and Closing

Service	Fee	HST	Total
Cremains Interment	\$50.00 plus \$25 site determination	\$9.75	\$84.75
Adult Interment	\$400.00	\$52.00	\$452.00
Child or Infant Interment	\$200.00	\$26.00	\$226.00

Marker Installation

Marker Type	Fee	HST	Total
Flat Marker less than 173 sq. in.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Flat Marker larger than 173 sq. in.	\$100.00	\$13.00	\$113.00
Upright Marker less than 4' x 4'	\$200.00	\$26.00	\$226.00
Upright Marker larger than 4' x 4'	\$400.00	\$52.00	\$452.00

Notes: 100% of marker installation fees are allocated to the Care and Maintenance Fund in accordance with Ontario Regulation 30/11 under the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*.