

# INVITATION 6 TO CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR AND WARD COUNCILOR IN PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

## User fees & service charges

User fees & service charges help fund a range of County services, including water supply, solid waste collection and disposal, protection, transportation, health, recreation, planning, etc. In general, the design of these fees & charges is based on the “benefits-received” principle, sometimes modified using “ability-to-pay” criteria. Decisions about pricing structures and the proportion of costs recovered from user fees & service charges generally depend on considerations such as local tradition, the type of service, the preferences of residents, and the willingness of local officials to substitute prices for local taxes.

The province requires that the County submit a [Financial Information Report](#) (FIR) to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing annually. The County’s annual FIR includes statements of expenses and user fees & service charges associated with nine functional categories of service that are defined by the province. The County’s annual Consolidated Financial Statements also include a “Schedule of Segment Disclosure” for the same functional categories. Finally, for the past three years, the County’s annual Audit Findings Reports, prepared by an independent auditor, have identified two single-tier municipal comparators: Norfolk County and West Nipissing Municipality.

We will be attaching the following:

- Schedules of Segment Disclosure from the County’s annual Consolidated Financial Statements (2018-2021) plus Note 24 (“Segmented information”) from the County’s Consolidated Financial Statements (2021)
- Abstract from the 2018-2020 Financial Information Reports prepared by Prince Edward, Norfolk and West Nipissing, including the User fees & service charges and Expenses associated with each functional category of service, as well as a breakdown of Total Revenues.

Against this background,

1. Please rate your satisfaction with the user fees & service charges associated with these functional categories (segments) of service in the County:

<b>Functional category (segment) of service</b>	<b>Very dissatisfied</b>	<b>Dissatisfied</b>	<b>Neither dissatisfied or satisfied</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Very Satisfied</b>
General Government					
Protection Services					
Transportation Services					
Environmental Services					
Health Services					
Social and family services					
Social Housing					
Recreation and Cultural Services					
Planning and Development Services					

2. Please explain two of your ratings (max. 500 words each).

I'd ask candidates to use only publicly-available materials.

Please email your responses by 8 pm on Monday, October 3, 2022.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with the voters of the County.