

Re: Fees for using community resources and in particular Northwinds Beach

Last season was the first year that Free Spirit Tours was asked to pay a user fee of \$1500.00 + Tax = \$1695.00

This was a big leap from zero fees.

We can appreciate that there should be some user fees but the above has had a huge impact on our operation.

We operate about 20 days (10 with Kids Camp on Thursday's from 9:30am – 3:30pm and approximately 10 guided sea kayaking groups) at Northwinds.

That gives us an additional cost of over \$80 per day, add in wages for the local camp counselors and guides, the fees have made an impact on our ability to expand hiring and our programs.

It seems reasonable to implement a series of fees with gradual increases due to inflation but by starting @ \$1,500.00+ there's no room for any increases.

Please note that we have been attracting tourist to the area for 16 years, with approximately 2000 guests per year which has substantial economic impact in our community.

I would like to make a deposition to council along with the other tourist operators affected by this fee.

Thanks, Matt Code

Free Spirit Tours