

Report to Council

Report Title: Special Olympics Speed Skating Request to Waive Ice Rental Rates 2021-2022

Prepared By: Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services

Department: Parks and Recreation

Date: September 14, 2021

Report Number: REC2021-21

File Number: C11REC

Attachments: Letter from Special Olympics South Saugeen Speed Skating Club

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2021-21 – Special Olympics Speed Skating Request to Waive Ice Rental Rates 2021-2022, prepared by Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services and in so doing approve the request to waive the ice time rental fees for the 2021-2022 ice season in the amount of \$2,280.00 plus H.S.T.

Report:

Background:

Special Olympics Speed Skating has been a program at the Walkerton Community Centre Arena for over twenty (20) years and the ice usage fee has been waived each season as it is a great local program for those who participate and volunteer to make it happen.

In September 2019, staff brought forward Report Number REC2019-22, and Brockton Council granted the request to waive ice time rental fees for the Special Olympics Speed Skating Club for the 2019-2020 ice season. Although the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020, the Special Olympics ice season concluded in February, so they were not largely impacted that year, but continue to face challenges this 2021-2022 season as a result of the continued pandemic.

Analysis:

As referenced in the attached letter from the South Saugeen Special Olympic Speed Skating Club, the Club is requesting a renewal of their annual ice time at the Walkerton Community Centre. The Club are currently being offered 20 sessions of 2021-2022 ice time slotted on Mondays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. be provided as free ice time. The Club are offered the youth rate rental cost of \$114.00, for the 20 session which would total \$2,280 plus H.S.T. for the season. In previous years, the Club usually conducted 16 sessions, which totalled \$1,824.00 plus H.S.T. for previous ice seasons.

The Monday 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. ice time slot is not typically used by other groups, individual bookings, and is not considered a prime time slot; therefore the additional sessions being offered to the Club would not detract from other user groups accessing the ice.

With Council’s approval, staff recommend waiving the ice fee as a continued show of support to the program that has been a part of the Walkerton Community Centre for over twenty (20) years.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? | No |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? | Yes |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

There are no direct budget implications, though the reduced revenue to the Parks and Recreation Department would be \$2,280.00 plus H.S.T.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer