

Report to Council

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| Report Title: | Reciprocal Agreement for Bluewater District School Board | | |
| Prepared By: | Eric McDougall, Parks, Recreation and Facilities Supervisor | | |
| Department: | Operations | | |
| Date: | December 17, 2018 | | |
| Report Number: | REC2018-16 | File Number: | C11REC |
| Attachments: | Draft Agreement | | |

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2018-16 – Reciprocal Agreement for Bluewater District School Board, prepared by Eric McDougall, Parks, Recreation and Facilities Supervisor and in doing so approves proceeding to enter into a reciprocal agreement with the Bluewater District School Board; and further approves a By-Law coming forward to authorize signing.

Report:

Background:

Brockton Parks and Recreation has an ongoing working relationship with the Bluewater District School Board where each party extends the use of resources, such as facility space to the other with the understanding that this exchange benefits both parties. Brockton Parks and Recreation and Bluewater District School Board have had a reciprocal agreement in place since 2012 and renew on each new term of council.

Analysis:

The reciprocal agreement maximizes the use of public infrastructure; reducing facility operating costs; strengthening relationships between school boards and community partners and the public. This agreement improves the level of service and support that recreation can offer to the community and alternatively provides more opportunities and support to the students. Currently we utilize Walkerton District Community School (WDCS) with our cooking classes at the school kitchen, Drop in Dodge ball in the gymnasium, and our Walking Program in there halls. All of these programs are well attended and would not be possible without the use of their facility.

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? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? | N/A |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

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

This agreement provides many cost savings for both parties; however revenue is generated in Parks and Recreation through school hockey games that utilize our day time ice; as well as Pool rentals in the summer months. Schedule A in the attached reciprocal agreement summarizes value for services inclusive of both parties.

Reviewed By:



Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Eric McDougall, Parks, Recreation and Facilities Supervisor

Reviewed By:



Chief Administrative Officer