

Report to Council

Report Title: Use of Facilities Agreement Bluewater District School Board

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Department: Recreation

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Report Number: REC2023-32 **File Number:** C11REC, L04BL

Attachments: 2023 Draft Agreement

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2023-32 – Use of Facilities Agreement Bluewater District School Board, prepared by Trish Serratore, Acting Director of Community Services and in doing so approves a By-Law coming forward to enter into a reciprocal agreement with the Bluewater District School Board.

Report:

Background:

The Municipality of Brockton 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. The Municipality of Brockton and Bluewater District School Board have had a reciprocal agreement in place since 2012 and renew on each new term of council.

There is currently no reciprocal agreement in place with Bluewater District School Board since our previous agreement expired in 2021.

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 their halls. The attached agreement has been extended to include the auditorium for use of other departments within Brockton. In October we are hosting a job fair which will take place at WDCS.

All of the programs offered out of the WDCS location 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.



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Trish Serratore, Acting Director of Community Services

Reviewed By:

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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer