

Report to Council

Report Title: Summer Day Camp Update and Feedback Summary

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Department: Recreation

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Report Number: REC2020-08

File Number: C11REC

Attachments: Summer Day Camp Feedback Summary

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2020-08 for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

At the meeting on June 9, 2020, Council considered staff Report Number 2020-06 – COVID-19 Summer Day Camp and Report Number 2020-07 Addendum to REC2020-06 COVID-19 Summer Day Camp wherein staff recommended cancelling the summer day camp chiefly due to safety and logistical concerns. The report outlined the requirements established by the Province of Ontario for the operation of summer day camps and provided an analysis of the risks and costs associated with operating under these guidelines.

Council decided to table consideration of the potential summer day camp closure to avoid reacting prematurely should the province make any additional announcements. Council also encouraged staff to engage with the affected stakeholders about the potential cancellation of the summer day camps.

Analysis:

At the time of writing, the Province of Ontario has not made any additional announcements about summer camps, pools, or splashpads aside from those described in the above mentioned report. Both Kincardine and Hanover have now official cancelled their summer day camps, along with numerous other municipalities of various sizes across Ontario.

Municipal staff have subsequently reached out to various stakeholders. For the most part, staff have found these one-on-one conversations more useful than a survey, as they allow for greater depth of engagement and insight into the concerns of families and businesses. These one-on-one conversations have also allowed

staff to explain the parameters that would need to be put in place to operate the summer day, so that individuals had all relevant information informing their decisions. A summary of the feedback has been attached to this report for Council's review.

The staff recommendation remains the same. This is a program with significant risk and liability to the Municipality and our staff that would affect families in the community. Unfortunately, the risks outweigh the benefits that can be offered. We are placing significant responsibility on the youth of the community. The requirements for summer camp are relatively the same for the Brockton Child Care staff who are trained extensively and will require additional specific COVID related training prior to opening. We strongly recommend the summer camp not continue for the 2020 season.

Sustainability Checklist:

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

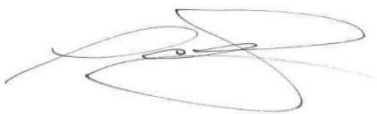
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| • Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? | N/A |
| • 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?
N/A

The budgetary implication of the summer day camps was outlined in Report Number REC2020-07.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Mark Coleman

Reviewed By:

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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer