

Report to Council

Report Title: COVID-19 Re-opening Plan for Recreation Programs

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Department: Parks and Recreation

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Attachments: Brockton Recreation Operational Guide for Programming

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2021-04 – COVID-19 Re-opening Plan for Recreation Programs, prepared by Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

The Re-opening Plan for the Arena that was approved by the Grey Bruce Health Unit and Council in August of 2020 has been modified and expanded to include various requirements and operating plans for Recreation Programs at all Brockton Recreation facilities in working to re-open community centre facilities throughout Brockton as we progress through the pandemic in 2021. The Recreation Operation Guide for Programming is attached to this report.

This plan has been shared with senior staff and reviewed by the Grey Bruce Health Unit and is inclusive of current COVID-19 protocols, health screening and guidance from the Province and Health Unit to meet and/or exceed regulatory requirements.

Pickleball and walking programs have been restarted at the Cargill Community Centre as of March 2, 2021. Senior and fitness programs for Elmwood Community Centre and the Walkerton Community Centre are in the process of being setup the next couple of weeks. Programs at the local high schools currently remain on hold until such time the School Boards allows access.

Analysis:

Staff continue to consult with and advise our various recreation user groups and Community Centre Committees in bringing recreation programs safely back online. Facility staff and instructors are provided training and orientation on the most current COVID protocols and best practices specific to each activity.

Demand for Pickle Ball and Walking programs is very strong where community residents have been patient for several months. The Department will be striving in 2021 to get residents back to active healthy living through participation in popular and new recreation, fitness and social programs as soon as possible as safe conditions may permit.

Sustainability Checklist:

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

- 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? Yes
- 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

Revenues are generated per the Fees and Charges By-law. Pre-registration and revenue collection are done as much as possible through PerfectMind software and POS processing to minimize cash handling.

Some programs are offered virtually, at no cost or may be sponsored by a local business.

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