

Report to Council

Report Title:	Walkerton Agricultural Society Agreement		
Prepared By:	Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services		
Department:	Parks and Recreation		
Date:	April 27, 2021		
Report Number:	REC2021-07	File Number:	C11REC, L04
Attachments:	Reciprocal Agreement – Agricultural Society		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2021-07 – Walkerton Agricultural Society Agreement, prepared by Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services and in doing so approves bringing forward a By-law for the Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton to enter into agreement with the Walkerton Agricultural Society.

Report:

Background:

For the past several years the Brockton Parks and Recreation Department and the Walkerton Agricultural Society maintained a mutually beneficial arrangement for seasonal and event specific use of each others buildings, property, tables, chairs and storage of equipment, etc. In the fall of 2020 the Agricultural Society advised of the intent to start charging a fee for winter storage of equipment same as it does for its regular clients. These fees are an important revenue source for the Agriculture Society to maintain its buildings.

The Walkerton Agricultural Society presented to staff in February 2021 a draft agreement to formalize this arrangement. The agreement has been reviewed by staff and the Clerk's Department and revised accordingly and shared with Walkerton Agricultural Society. See Reciprocal Agreement attached for Council's consideration.

Analysis:

This arrangement between the Municipality and the Walkerton Agricultural Society continues to mutually benefit each other and is operationally important to the Parks and Recreation Department for the secure storage of equipment throughout the year. The Parks and Recreation Department has limited storage facilities and no other options at this time to sufficiently store all of its equipment and attachments in its own buildings. Staff recommends that Council approve entering into this agreement.

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? N/A
- 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? 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

The cost to the municipality per the agreement for winter storage (December – April) of Parks and Recreation Department equipment is in the range of \$1,200.00 and can be budgeted for annually.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer