



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

Date	January 17, 2018	Report No:	R & C 2018-03
Directed To:	Council	Attachments:	Rowing Club Proposal
Department:	Culture and Recreation	Policy References:	Rowing Club Agreement
Prepared By:	Director of Culture and Recreation		
Subject:	Rowing Club Proposal		

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report from the Director of Culture and Recreation dated January 17th, 2018 (C&R 2018-03) regarding the proposal from the LaSalle Rowing Club BE APPROVED;

AND THAT the existing agreement be modified as outlined in the proposal including the overall financial contribution of \$5,000 towards the replacement of the dock and extended rental agreement to 2028 at the River Dance Facility.

REPORT:

During the 2018 Budget deliberations Council requested staff meet with the LaSalle Rowing Club to discuss the proposed dock at the River Dance facility. The proposed dock replacement is estimated to be approximately \$60,000. On January 9th, the Director of Public Works, Manager of Facilities and the Director of Culture and Recreation met with a few members of the LaSalle Rowing Club Board of Directors. The discussion addressed operations, history of membership and the proposed dock replacement. Staff were updated that there are approximately 35 members currently and the club membership fee is \$285/annually.

The Rowing Club was asked to meet with their Board and provide a proposal if possible to the Town regarding a contribution towards the cost of the new dock. Attached is the proposal received.

The club currently has an agreement that expires in 2020 that includes a rental payment of \$1,000/annually for the use of their space at the River Dance Facility.

The Rowing Club has offered the following (see attached proposal):

- \$500 contribution towards the dock annually for 10 years (total \$5,000)
- the current agreement be extended to 2028 (rental rate remaining \$1,000/annually)



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Director of Public Works

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DOCK PROPOSAL

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Proposal Issued:

January 17, 2017

Statement of Confidentiality

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ABOUT US

Rowing, often referred to as crew in the United States is a sport whose origins reach back to Ancient Egyptian times. It involves propelling a boat (racing shell) on water using oars. By pushing against the water with an oar, a force is generated to move the boat. The sport can be either recreational for enjoyment or fitness, or competitive, when athletes race against each other in boats. There are a number of different boat classes in which athletes compete, ranging from an individual shell (called a single scull) to an eight-person shell with coxswain (called a coxed eight).

LaSalle Rowing Club (LRC) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to stimulate, advocate, and develop the sport of rowing in the Windsor-Essex area. Located on the Detroit River, LRC is proud to offer a recreational program for all fitness and experience levels.

Rowing is an excellent way to improve your overall well-being and physical fitness, while enjoying great weather on the water. This challenging and rewarding sport is a great way to get active that can become a lifelong passion. The LRC is a not-for-profit organization that is run by volunteers and governed by a member-elected Board of Directors.

LRC History

David R. Sellars was one of the original members who founded the Windsor Rowing Club in 1970. At this time the Club was at Red's Marina in LaSalle. In 1975 there were a number of young rowers who rowed at Sandwich Secondary School. Bob Sellars, Tricia Bondy, Doug Sellars, Brian Schwab, Mark Semande and Eva Meloche participated successfully in many events around Ontario and in Wyandotte, Michigan.

The club later relocated to a boathouse at 40 Laurier Drive on the Detroit river and renamed LaSalle Rowing Club. As part of the parkland redevelopment the club was incorporated into the Riverdance Project at 1 Laurier Drive in 2011.

Board of Directors

President	Kevin Nyman
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Secretary	Matt Senechal
Treasurer	Marie Laurie
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PROJECT & OFFER

In recent years, our club has experienced record low membership and high Board of Director turnover, thus creating financial hardship. 2016 and 2017 were stronger years for us as we now have committed leadership.

Our current focus continues to be raising our membership numbers and re-introducing a youth program for 2018. Growth remains slow as part of our overall strategy but we are confident that our future remains bright as an important part of recreation and culture for the Town of LaSalle.

We are extremely grateful for all of the support that the Town of LaSalle has given us through the years and appreciative of what a new dock will do for our club and the community as a whole.

LaSalle Rowing Club offers the following to the Town of LaSalle:

- **A financial commitment of \$500 per year for 10 years for a total of \$5,000**
- **Cleaning the dock as needed**

In return LaSalle Rowing Club requires the following from the Town of LaSalle:

- **Current rental agreement of \$1,000 per year (2020 expiry) to continue until the \$5,000 has been paid in full**
- **Input on the design of the new dock**
- **New dock must be as long and wide as the current dock**

This offer is based on our history and possible future growth. Any larger monetary commitment would be a detriment to the club as it would slow or end our growth.

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