



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

To: Mayor and Members of Council

Prepared by: Patti Funaro, Director of Culture and Recreation

Department: Culture and Recreation

Date of Report: January 17, 2023

Report Number: CR-2023-09

Subject: Skate LaSalle Request for Waiver of Fees

Recommendation

That the report of the Director of Culture and Recreation dated January 17, 2023 (CR-2023-09) regarding the request from Skate LaSalle to waive the Vollmer multi-purpose room rental fees be received and that the Policy for Waiving or Reducing Fees Related to Use of Town Owned Facilities and Spaces (M-CR-007) be adhered to and further that all fees for the event be charged in accordance with Schedule F of the User Fee By-law (By-law Number 8670).

Report

The Policy for Waiving or Reducing Fees Related to Use of Town Owned Facilities and Spaces (M-CR-007) was approved by Council on February 8, 2022. The purpose of this policy is:

1. To provide a systematic and consistent approach in assessing requests for waiving of Town fees related to booking facilities or spaces.
2. To provide support, where appropriate, to community organizations that provide services that maintain and improve the quality of life for residents of the Town of LaSalle.
3. To ensure that approved waivers of fees will not impact the Town's budgets and overall fiscal objectives.

This policy is intended to consider the waiver of fees funding under exceptional circumstances only. It is not intended to cover regular and/or on-going financial support.

The full policy is attached as Appendix A to provide information on the criteria to consider for waiving of fees.

Sanctioned by Skate Ontario, the Super Series is a qualifying event for the Skate Ontario Provincial Championships. Skate LaSalle has hosted this event in previous years, and various event fees were waived at the direction of the Parks, Recreation and Events Committee. The event has requested that rental fees for the multi-purpose room be waived in 2023. The total rental fees requested to be waived amount to \$2268.00 (Appendix B). The waiver of these fees would have an impact on revenue in 2023, which could lead to a need for lost revenue to be made up from the tax base.

While Skate LaSalle is certainly a worthwhile organization, the Town typically has approximately 40 charities, non-profits, and community groups host events on Town property and in Town facilities each year. Each of these charities, non-profits and community groups support worthwhile causes. The Town regularly receives requests to support these events by way of fee waiving, donations, in-kind sponsorships, and sponsor recognition. Supporting every event would have a significant impact on the Town's budget and overall fiscal objectives. Should Council waive the fees for the Skate LaSalle event, there is a risk that the decision may create a demand for similar financial support from other local charitable organizations hosting events at Town facilities. Adherence to the policy will ensure that the Town is fiscally responsible and equitable to all users.

Consultations

CAO/Deputy CAO

Finance

Financial Implications

Loss of \$2268.00 revenue

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Link to Strategic Goals

1. Enhancing organizational excellence - Not Applicable
2. Strengthen the community's engagement with the Town - Not Applicable
3. Grow and diversify the local economy - Not Applicable
4. Build on our high-quality of life - Not Applicable
5. Sustaining strong public services and infrastructure - Yes

Communications

N/A

Notifications

N/A

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:



Chief Administrative Officer

Joe Milicia