



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: December 13, 2022

Report Number: CR-2023-02

Subject: Play for a Cure Request for Waiver of Fees

Recommendation

That the report of the Director of Culture and Recreation dated December 13, 2022 (CR-2023-02) regarding the request from Play for a Cure to waive all Town of LaSalle 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.

Play for a Cure is a charitable event that provides hockey enthusiasts an opportunity to play alongside and against former NHL players while raising funds for local cancer research. The event took place at the Vollmer Centre in 2019 and 2022 and is scheduled again in April 2023. The 2022 event raised \$400,196.00 that was donated to the Cancer Research Collaboration Fund, and the rental fees for the 2022 event were waived at the direction of the Parks, Recreation and Events Committee. The event has requested that fees be waived again in 2023. The total rental fees for the 2023 event amount to \$17,467.26 (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 Play for a Cure is certainly a worthwhile cause, 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 are 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 Play for a Cure 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 \$17,467.26 in revenue

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Director of Culture & Recreation

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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