



## **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:** April 3, 2023

**Report Number:** CR-2023-12

**Subject:** Reduced rate for schools

### **Recommendation**

That the report of the Director of Culture and Recreation dated April 3, 2023 (CR-2023-12) regarding a pilot project to offer a reduced rate for schools renting soccer fields, baseball diamonds, and ice pad facilities be received;

And that the Town offer a reduced rate, as a pilot project, from May 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for schools renting soccer fields, baseball diamonds, and ice pad facilities for school sanctioned, non-competitive use;

And that for the purposes of this rate, school be defined as an elementary or secondary school located within the Town of LaSalle and administered by the Ontario Ministry of Education;

And that Schedule F of the By-law to establish User Fees or Charges for Services, Activities or the Use of Property (8670) be amended to extend the early bird ice rental fee for schools from Monday to Friday until 3:00 pm and to include a fee reduction of 50% from Monday to Friday until 3:00 pm for schools renting soccer fields and baseball diamonds.

### **Report**

At the March 14, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council, Mayor Meloche requested that an Administrative Report be prepared regarding a pilot project to offer a reduced rate for schools renting soccer fields, baseball diamonds, and ice pad facilities.

The following fees for schools are proposed as a pilot project from May 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 for schools renting soccer fields, baseball diamonds and ice pad facilities for school sanctioned, non-competitive use such as recreational skating, gym classes or

daily physical activity. Regular rental fees will still apply for school athletic programs, games or tournaments.

- Extend the early bird ice rental rate until 3:00 pm on weekdays for schools renting the ice (\$115.95/hour until Sept 1, \$119.45/hour from Sept 1 on). This includes the capital reinvestment fee of \$5.40.
- Offer a 50% reduction on soccer field rentals that take place before 3:00 pm on weekdays (\$8.00 + HST, per field, per hour, which includes the capital reinvestment fee of \$5.40).
- Offer a 50% reduction on hardball diamond rentals that take place before 3:00 pm on weekdays (\$14.43+ HST per diamond, per games, which includes the capital reinvestment fee of \$5.40).
- Offer a 50% reduction on softball diamond rentals that take place before 3:00 pm on weekdays (\$ 11.73 + HST, per diamond, per game, which includes the capitol reinvestment fee of \$5.40).

Administration will continue to book facilities based on Council approved policies and the availability of facilities. The hours that will be available for school rentals will be outside of existing user bookings, facility ice maintenance, field/diamond maintenance and resting schedules.

## Consultations

Dale Langlois, Director of Finance

Mark Beggs, Manager of Roads and Parks

Mark Masanovich, Manager of Facilities

Scott Bisson, Manager of Culture and Recreation

Owen Stichhaller, Supervisor of Recreation

## Financial Implications

There is potential for lost revenue if there is not an increase in the number of rentals during this time period, or there is the potential for additional revenue if it increases the number of rentals. It also important to note, that with additional users, comes additional staff time for maintenance and administration.

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## **Link to Strategic Goals**

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

## **Communications**

n/a

## **Notifications**

n/a

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