



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: August 8, 2024

Report Number: CR-2024-22

Subject: CR-2024-22 Reduced rate for schools pilot project

Recommendation

That the report of the Director of Culture and Recreation dated August 8, 2024 (CR-2024-22) 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 continues to offer a reduced rate 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, 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 April 25, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council, Council approved a pilot project to offer a reduced rate for schools renting soccer fields, baseball diamonds, and ice pad facilities and Mayor Meloche requested that Administration report back to Council following the conclusion of the pilot program regarding the success of the program.

The following fees for schools were offered 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 still applied for school athletic programs, games and tournaments.

- Extended the early bird ice rental rate until 3:00 pm on weekdays for schools renting the ice.
- Offered a 50% reduction on soccer field rentals that take place before 3:00 pm on weekdays.
- Offered a 50% reduction on hardball diamond rentals that take place before 3:00 pm on weekdays
- Offered a 50% reduction on softball diamond rentals that take place before 3:00 pm on weekdays

As a result of the project, there was an overall increase in rental hours for soccer fields (increased 57 hours) and softball diamonds (increased 54.5 hours). Staff have noted that there have been less instances of fields being used without being booked since these rates were implemented, therefore it is recommended to continue to offer them.

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

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Financial Implications

A small increase in rental revenue of less than \$1000.00

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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 - Not Applicable

Communications

n/a

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Chief Administrative Officer

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