



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

To: Mayor and Members of Council
Prepared by: Dale Langlois, Director of Finance and Treasurer
Department: Finance
Date of Report: December 9, 2019
Report Number: FIN-39-2019
Subject: Sledge Hockey

Recommendation

That the report of the Director of Finance dated December 9, 2019 (FIN-39-2019) regarding Sledge Hockey BE RECEIVED.

Report

At the Culture and Recreation – Parks Advisory Committee meeting held on October 17, 2019, it was requested that administration prepare a report to consider converting one of the Vollmer Recreation Centre Arenas to accommodate sledge hockey in the 2020 budget.

Cost

The capital cost to convert one arena to accommodate sledge hockey will be approximately \$70,000, which includes the following:

- conversion of penalty boxes and players benches to include plexi glass doors and walls to enable players to view the game,
- conversion of penalty boxes and players benches to be level with the ice surface to ensure players can access and exit the ice surface quickly and safely (players bench areas were fully reconstructed four years ago for approximately \$15,000 and will need to be reconstructed),
- ensure that new players benches are installed in a fashion that can be removable to provide more room for players to maneuver their sledges,
- Purchase of removable artificial ice surfaces that will run from dressing rooms to (and including) the players bench area so players can maneuver from the dressing room to the rink.

- Construction of a storage area for artificial ice surfaces

In addition, there will be significant annual operating costs as there will need to be two facilities staff available to install the artificial ice surface before the games / practices (one hour) and remove these surfaces after the games / practices (one hour). These surfaces will also require regular maintenance and sanitization.

Demand and Availability

In consultation with the culture and recreation department, to date there have not been any requests for or inquiries about providing sledge hockey services at the Vollmer Recreation Centre. Sledge hockey was also not listed as a priority in the Vollmer Centre Master plan, which was completed in early 2019.

Through inquiries with other Municipalities in the region, the Atlas Tube Centre has a fully accessible ice rink which has never been utilized as there have not been any requests for sledge hockey usage. The Town of Amherstburg also has a fully accessible rink which is rented out 6 hours a week for sledge hockey usage by the Ice Bullets Hockey Team. It is important to note that the Ice Bullets provide the only sledge hockey program in the Windsor/Essex region. If additional hours were requested, Amherstburg is willing and able to accommodate this request.

Currently, there are no dollars set aside in the 2020 budget to provide a service for sledge hockey. Although there has been a buildup in the budget over the past two years for accessibility related initiatives, this funding is intended to address the significant cost of legislated requirements throughout the Town. These costs include the conversion of playground bases and playground structure bases to meet minimum accessibility standards, installation of truncated domes along sidewalks and pathways where intersections and parking lots are met, and conversion of pedestrian traffic signals to meet accessibility requirements to name a few.

As historically there has not been any demand in LaSalle for sledge hockey and the current Windsor/Essex Region Ice Dogs sledge hockey team has an existing location to accommodate them, it is recommended that LaSalle does not include sledge hockey in the 2020 budget due to the significant cost to do so.

Consultations

Culture and Recreation and Public Works Departments

Financial Implications

See body of the report.

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Link to Strategic Priorities

	Expanding and diversifying our assessment base
	Effectively communicating the activities and interests of the Town
Yes	Managing our human and financial resources in a responsible manner
	Promoting and marketing LaSalle
	Promote a healthy and environmentally conscious community

Communications

Yes	Not applicable
	Website
	Social Media
	News Release
	Local Newspaper
	Bids & Tenders
	Notification pursuant to the Planning Act

Notifications

Name	Address	Email

Report Approval Details

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



Chief Administrative Officer

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