



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Ripley-Huron Skating Club Agreement

Date: Apr. 7, 2025

Report Number: CS-2025-12

Department: Community Services

File Number: C11 CS 2025

Prepared By: Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Attachments: Ripley-Huron Skating Club Agreement

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number CS-2025-12 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services;

AND FURTHER authorize the Ripley-Huron Skating Club agreement.

Background:

The Ripley-Huron Skating Club had an ice rental agreement (1975) that was outdated, and did not address rising ice rates due to the nature of the original agreement, while also addressing insurance, and occupancy use for their office and storage of their equipment.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

The original agreement was based on one hundred and twenty-five hours of free ice in addition to all remaining ice invoiced at a subsidized rate. During the last five years staff have supported the club to gradually reduced the number of free hours from one-hundred and twenty-five down to ninety. Including the ice invoice at no cost the current ice rental rate is now subsidized by \$82.00 per hour. Staff are proposing to reduce the rate to \$50.00 per hour over the next four years and eliminating the hours of ice at no charge.

The agreement also includes an insurance requirement to name the Township of Huron-Kinloss additionally insured. The agreement acknowledges that Township of Huron-Kinloss does not insurance for the clubs contents in the mini-office, storage room, and ensures that the club completes inspections of the jump aid harness.

The agreement will bring the skating club subsidy level much closer to minor hockey subsidy level of \$37.00 per hour. The rationale for different subsidy levels is that the programs are vastly different. The skating club have coaching and insurance costs within the program to meet Skate Canada guidelines. The ratios of skaters that are able to be on the ice are a lot lower than hockey, especially as the kids advance in the higher levels of the programs.

The club has never been charged rent for the modest office space or storage of equipment. Staff proposes to honour that agreement going forward since the space is small, yet integral to the program.

The committee is also requesting any support from Municipal staff to promote the growth of the skating program and forward any funding opportunities to the committee to continue to be affordable. The agreement is attached. Staff have met with the club executive numerous times over the last five years, and the executive is supportive of the agreement proposed. Staff recommend that the attached agreement be approved.

Financial Impacts:

The agreement will increase the facility revenues by an estimated \$10 000 over the next four years.

Performance Measurement:

Increase ice rental revenues by 10% over four years.

Strategic Area:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Inclusive Growth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Commit to financial health and sustainability

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer