



Staff Report

Report Title: Ripley-Huron Community Centre Ice Install Date

Prepared By: Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Department: Community Services

Date: Sep. 9, 2020

Report Number: CS-2020-09-36

File Number: 600 Facilities RHCC

Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number CS2020-09-36 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services, and approves the early installation of Ice at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre.

Background:

The Bruce County Kings non-profit hockey program approached the Ripley-Huron Community Centre to install the ice early and book thirty hours of ice per week for their club. The request was unusual. The Ripley Fall Fair was not using the facility, and the Return to Operations plan is completed. I informed the King's that fees will need to be discussed to include a cost recovery proposal at the very least.

I would also advise Council that in a previous meeting with Huron-Bruce Minor Hockey and Ripley Figure Skating Club everyone agreed that ice available after Thanksgiving weekend seemed appropriate due to pending approvals required from the Ontario Minor Hockey Association for Huron-Bruce Minor Hockey. There was some discussion about earlier ice requests, but there was concern that constant practicing without games for an extended time may discourage some participants.

Discussion:

After careful review with staff, it was determined that an ice availability date of September 19th, 2020 could be achieved. Staff determined that the rental rate of \$125.00 per hour plus HST is required to ensure that the program is not subsidized by the taxpayer. The rate was based on hydro rates (which are seasonal dependent),

and staff rates for rental. After Thanksgiving weekend, the ice rental rate would be reduced to non-resident minor sport rate of \$116.91. The Bruce County King's have insurance coverage. After Thanksgiving weekend, the Bruce County Kings have expressed interest in open ice available that was not traditionally used by Huron-Bruce Minor Hockey or Figure Skating. Staff recommends the installation of ice and made available for September 19th, 2020.

Financial Impacts:

The short-term financial impacts will be revenue positive, and the long-term benefits of booking open unused ice times will certainly assist with reducing the operating deficit.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are a prosperous community that continues to grow in a sustainable manner

We are a vibrant community that values our uniqueness and creativity.
By creating places where people want to be

We are a spirited community that takes pride in calling Huron-Kinloss home and welcoming others.
By maintaining a sense of connection and cohesion with each other
By engaging in our community
By retaining our youth

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone.
By having amenities and services nearby
By being open and transparent

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer