



City of Moose Jaw

COMMUNICATION # CC-2019-0174

TITLE: Waiver of Fees Request – Saskatchewan Health Authority

TO: City Council

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation

DATE: September 10, 2019

PUBLIC: PUBLIC DOCUMENT

RECOMMENDATION

THAT representatives from the Saskatchewan Health Authority be allowed to address members of City Council regarding the waiver of fees request for the Yara Centre; and,

THAT the request to waive fees be denied.

TOPIC AND PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to address the request from Saskatchewan Health Authority to waive the rental fees at the Yara Centre for the Wellness Metabolic Exercise Program.

Administration has recommended to deny the request as we do not have the authority to waive fees and this type of request requires City Council approval.

BACKGROUND

The City of Moose Jaw has received a request from Saskatchewan Health Authority, Mental Health and Addictions Services – Moose Jaw on August 29, 2019 requesting to partner with the City of Moose Jaw. The Wellness Metabolic Exercise program was offered at the former Moose Jaw YMCA. Moose Jaw YMCA provided free access for clients participating in a two times per week exercise and education program. This program was supported by the YMCA Opportunity Fund. With the closure of the Moose Jaw YMCA, this program is looking at a new facility to continue this program for their clients.

DISCUSSION

Saskatchewan Health Authority is requesting free access to the Yara Centre Tuesdays from 1:30-3:00pm and Thursdays from 10:30-11:30am. The program is requesting use of the aerobic and strength equipment combined with use of the turf. The program has

approximately 15 adult participants and the request is for an adult membership for each client.

This program is led by qualified staff to reduce barriers and create a supportive environment through education and exercise. The Yara Centre currently possesses the necessary equipment and space to accommodate the request.

PUBLIC AND/OR STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

Discussions were held with the staff of Saskatchewan Health Authority to discuss partnerships with the City of Moose Jaw.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The proposed Agreement aligns with the Strategic Priority of Community Wellness as outlined in the City of Moose Jaw Strategic Plan.

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

The request aligns with the following objectives of the Official Community Plan for the City of Moose Jaw:

13.1 (a) To provide parks and recreation open space sufficient to meet the needs of Moose Jaw's residents, ensuring that these resources are distributed throughout the city in a fair and equitable manner.

BYLAW OR POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The City of Moose currently does not have a waiver of fees policy to address these types of requests therefore all requests for financial support are forwarded to City Council for approval.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

City Council approved the 2019/2020 Yara Centre rates and fees and were implemented on June 1, 2019. Please see attachment ii for a summary of these rates.

The value of the request for 15 adult memberships is \$761.25 per month.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS/IMPLICATIONS

There is no privacy implications or other considerations.

PRESENTATION

VERBAL: Mr. Derek Blais, Director of Parks & Recreation will be available to answer any questions related to the report. Members of Saskatchewan Health Authority will be in attendance to present and address questions.

ATTACHMENTS

- i. Letter dated August 29, 2019 – Saskatchewan Health Authority
- ii. Parks and Recreation 2019 Rates and Fees

REPORT APPROVAL

Written by: Scott Osmachenko, Recreation Services Manager
Reviewed by: Tracy Wittke, Assistant City Clerk
Approved by: Derek Blais, Director, Parks and Recreation
Approved by: Jim Puffalt, City Manager
Approved by: Fraser Tolmie, Mayor

To be completed by the Clerk's Department only.

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

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