



CITY OF WILLIAMS LAKE COUNCIL REPORT

DATE OF REPORT: March 27, 2024
DATE & TYPE OF MEETING: April 24, 2024 Joint Committee Meeting
AUTHOR: Stacey Miranda, Director of Community Services
SUBJECT: KIJHL WILLIAMS LAKE TEAM UPDATE
FILE: 2280-22-09; CC 7900-10

Recommendation

That the Central Cariboo Joint Committee receive this report, together with the proposed Use And Occupancy License Agreement for the CMRC, for discussion and endorsement.

Purpose

This report is intended to share the lease agreement being considered for the KIJHL Williams Lake Mustangs Hockey Club in the Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex. At present, the current Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex user groups are aware of the hockey team, and the potential impact on ice user groups and pre – post season dry floor users and rentals. Detailed discussion will occur during the ice allocation process in late May / early June. The Williams Lake Mustangs Hockey Club is pleased with the agreement. The City of Williams Lake is pleased with the agreement.

Discussion

Background

This report demonstrates the ability of the City to ensure recreation facilities operated by the City of Williams Lake are allocated in a fair, equitable and cost-effective manner while growing sport and recreation with committed prospects demonstrating sound delivery of sport and recreation in the community. It aligns with the current Central Cariboo Recreation and Leisure Services Management Agreement.

Some of the potential commitments that are part of this opportunity include office and storage space. After reviewing the facility, some minor enhancements will ensure both office and storage space could be available, and it would not impact current ice users. Another commitment is a dedicated dressing room, and with some minor enhancements and adjustments, this can be accommodated. Much of the minor enhancements and a few adjustments will not impact the user groups but could affect the storage and offices used by the Community Services Department. Community Services can easily adjust to these new changes.

The ability to work with other user groups, the community and related organizations with involvement, training, peer leadership and development of physical literacy and activity would enhance the community, grow spirit, and develop well rounded individuals through the KIJHL would be an asset to the community, and the region.

Analysis

Best practices enable many recreation facilities to accommodate growth in user groups utilizing facilities. It is encouraged that new groups, emergent sports and various leagues play in community facilities and be included in facility allocations. There will be changes in trends, as well as future demands that are unpredictable, but are valued in ensuring diversity in sport and recreation. It is important to consider the needs of diverse populations, groups and individuals while recognizing the tax-based contribution provided by residents toward the development and operation of recreation infrastructure. Similar agreements in Salmon Arm, Surrey, West Kelowna, Vernon, Prince George, Merritt and 100 Mile house were reviewed to create a fair and equitable agreement to all parties.

Financial Considerations (Cost and Resource Allocation)

☒ Yes - There are financial implications in the agreement that are outside the current Fees and Charges Bylaw 5452.

☐ N/A

Legislative Considerations (Applicable Policies and/or Bylaws)

☒ Yes - There will be building code permits and minor construction required, along with league and municipal requirements for consideration and negotiation to be approved by the Cariboo Regional District.

☐ N/A

This project aligns with the following Focus Areas of Council's Strategic Plan:

- ☒ Collaboration and Partnerships
- ☐ Indigenous Relations
- ☒ Livability / Positive Atmosphere
- ☐ Housing
- ☒ Infrastructure
- ☒ Organizational Effectiveness

OR

☐ *Core Service (not identified in Focus Areas, but necessary local government function)

This report has been prepared in consultation with:

- Gary Muraca, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Williams Lake
- Ross Coupé, Corporate Officer, City of Williams Lake

Approved for Agenda by:

Chief Administrative Officer

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Community Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Agreement for 5 years with the Williams Lake Mustangs Hockey Club (DB 1468229 BC LTD)

- a. Schedule A
- b. Schedule B

Attachment B – Fees and Charges Bylaw 5452

- a. Recreation Access Pass in effect
- b. Arena advertising exception
- c. Major Tenant
- d. Booking Cancellations
- e. Payment Schedules

Attachment C – Central Cariboo Recreation and Leisure Services Recreation Management Agreement

- a. 1.11 Governing Law
- b. 3.2 Duty and Obligation to Operate (a, g, i, s, t, v, w)
- c. 3.3 Duty to Repair and Maintain (d)
- d. 5.2 Space Rentals