



The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: September 12, 2022

Subject: Chesley Firefighter Association Facility Request

Report from: Carly Steinhoff, Park, Facilities and Recreation Manager

Appendices: None.

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Permit the Chesley Firefighter Association to utilize the Chesley Curling Club Floor or Chesley Arena Floor for the 2023 Annual Yard Sale;
2. Permit the Chesley Firefighter Association to utilize various areas of the Chesley Community Centre beginning in May 2023 to store Yard Sale items; and
3. That the Chesley Firefighter Association receives utilization of the facility at no cost.

Report Summary

To follow up on a request from the Chesley Firefighter Association regarding utilization of the Chesley Community Centre for the 2023 Yard Sale.

Background

On July 11, 2022, Council received a request from the Chesley Firefighter Association to utilize the Chesley Curling Club for the 2023 Annual Yard Sale. Various reasons for the request were cited including parking, safety, emergency access and growth. Council requested additional information regarding logistics.

Analysis

Staff met with members of the Chesley Firefighter Association following the Council meeting to discuss logistics of hosting the Yard Sale at the Community Centre. Staff have no issues with the event being hosted on either the Curling Club Floor or Arena Floor; however, the more favourable option is the Arena Floor because of its ease of entrance and proximity to washrooms. It was determined that to host the event at the Community Centre, facility staff would only require the same amount of involvement as previous years and the Association would complete setup, tear down and clean up as they normally would when the event was held at the Fire Hall.

Staff and the Association also discussed storing Yard Sale items beginning in May. It was determined that staff would work with Association members during the month of May to setup times that items could be dropped off. Delivery will only occur when staff are at the building. Storage will take place on one of the floors and the dressing rooms, if necessary. It is not anticipated that storing the items will affect any facility bookings prior to the Yard Sale. Association members indicated that if a booking were to occur, the Association would ensure that Yard Sale items are moved to an area that would not affect the booking. The Association also indicated that items are checked prior to storage so there is limited concern regarding the nature of what will be stored in the Community Centre.

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

6.5 Engaging People and Partnerships

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

The 2022 cost to rent the Chesley Curling Club Floor is \$521.98 plus HST and the arena floor cost is \$950.18 plus HST. It is anticipated that these fees will be increased in 2023. Should Council wish, staff can include these fees in the 2023 Operating Budget as part of the annual Council Donations.

It is recommended that the Chesley Firefighter Association reach out to their insurance company to determine a policy that is suitable for the location and storage change. The Association will be required to add the Municipality as additionally insured to the policy.

Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer