



## The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

# Information Report

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

Meeting Date: January 30, 2023

Subject: SRREC 23.01 Curling Club Agreement Information

Attachments: Appendix A – Curling Club Overview

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### **Report Summary**

The intention of this report is to inform Council of the current agreements that the Municipality has with the Chesley, Paisley and Tara Curling Clubs.

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### **Background**

During 2023 budget deliberations, questions regarding Council's financial commitments arose regarding the differences in facility commitments for each of the curling clubs. Staff informed Council that each agreement was made at different times and are currently not standard in each community. The purpose of this report is to highlight the key areas of each agreement and determine a path forward.

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### **Analysis**

Each agreement is very different as they have been created at different times under different circumstances. The areas below are the notable differences between each club:

#### Duration:

The Chesley Curling Club agreement was negotiated in February 1994 and is in force and not to be changed until mutually agreed upon by both parties. The agreement indicates that the ice season is considered annually from October 1st to April 30th. This agreement was made pre-amalgamation, so the terms of the

document are between the Chesley Curling Club Incorporated and The Corporation of the Town of Chesley.

Paisley Curling Club agreement was re-negotiated in November 2018 and will expire on April 15, 2023. The Club's Executive Committee has expressed interest in renewal and a preliminary meeting has been planned for February 2023. The agreement indicates that the ice season is considered annually from November 15th to April 15th.

Tara Curling Club agreement was negotiated in January 2000 and is in force and not to be changed until mutually agreed upon by both parties. The agreement indicates that the ice season is considered annually from October 1st to April 15th. It is to be noted that the Municipality is permitted to rent out the entire complex each October for the Tara Festival of Crafts.

#### Ownership:

The Municipality is the absolute owner of all facilities in Chesley, and the Club is the absolute owner of all equipment within the curling club.

The Municipality is the absolute owner of all facilities in Paisley.

With respect to Tara, the Club is the absolute owner of the curling rink and changerooms including ice plant and related components and the Municipality is the absolute owner of all other facilities. The Municipality retains the right to utilize the curling club outside of the curling season for recreational activities.

#### Club Use of Community Centre:

Chesley Curling Club is entitled to use the kitchen and small viewing room up to fifteen (15) days per season for bonspiels, provided they have not been booked. The Club is permitted to utilize the hall, kitchen, and bar for its annual banquet and an additional four (4) days of curling floor use during the non-curling season.

Paisley Curling Club is entitled to two (2) uses of the hall and kitchen for fundraising purposes.

Tara Curling Club is entitled to one (1) use of the hall during the non-curling season.

#### Monthly Payments:

During the curling season, The Chesley Curling Club is responsible for 25.2% of utility costs including hydro, water, sewer and garbage service charges.

The Paisley Curling Club pays an annual monthly fee for the ice season.

The Tara Curling Club does not have a monthly payment as they are the owner and responsible for monthly expenditures. There is no money exchanged for their use of the Lounge and Kitchen. The Municipality is responsible for the cost of hydro, water, sewer, and garbage services from April 16 to September 30 annually.

#### Ice Plant:

The Chesley Curling Club is responsible for 34.3% of maintenance and capital costs related to the ice plant. The plant is shared with the arena.

The Paisley Curling Club is responsible for 100% of the costs associated with the 30hp compressor, 100% of significant/capital costs related to components specific to the curling club and 50% of start-up, shutdown, water treatment, one-time service, or routine maintenance. Additionally, should the Municipality choose to make a capital improvement to the ice plant that directly affects the curling club, with ample notice, the Club is to be responsible for 33%, unless otherwise agreed upon. The plant is shared with the arena.

The Tara Curling Club is the owner of its ice plant and related components and is 100% responsible for all costs related to it.

All clubs are required to hold their own liability insurance and work with municipal staff on issues and enhancements on an annual basis.

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### **Link to Strategic/Master Plan**

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### **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding**

Varying levels of revenue is obtained by each agreement. There are also varying costs associated with the agreements to the Municipality, specifically use of space. Schedule D of the 2023 Budget Report highlight the current year implications, based on the agreements in place.

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