



# The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

## Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: July 10, 2023

Subject: SRREC 23.09 Curling Club Agreements

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

Appendices: Appendix A – Curling Club Overview

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### **Recommendation**

Be It Resolved that Council hereby:

1. Directs staff to update the agreements with the Tara Curling Club and Paisley Curling Club to reflect the following changes:
  - Each Club shall receive up to \$1,000.00 in complimentary facility bookings that can be used anytime through the calendar year, provided that the rental does not conflict with any other events.
  - Should the Club provide proof of their liquor license extension for the facility, the Municipality shall apply the non-licensed facility rental rate to the Council donation account;
2. Direct staff to bring a future report to Council regarding the status of each agreement; and
3. That the Grant and Donation Policy be amended to reflect the change to the Tara Curling Club and Paisley Curling Club agreements.

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### **Report Summary**

The intent of this report is to follow up on the delegation from the Tara Curling Club and the internal request from the Paisley Curling Club regarding facility rentals and waiving of fees.

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## **Background**

### **Tara Curling Club**

In 2023, members of the Tara Curling Club spoke to Council regarding facility usage and cost. Members indicated to Council that the facility costs associated with bonspiels made it challenging for the Club to raise funds. The Club also experienced issues with their ice plant and are investigating the cost to repair or replace the asset.

The agreement between the Tara Curling Club and the Municipality states that the Club is the absolute owner of the Curling Club floor and all capital equipment within the facility. The Club received one (1) free curling floor rental during the non-curling season. This agreement is in full force until mutually amended.

### **Paisley Curling Club**

The Paisley Curling Club agreement will expire in 2023. Staff have met with Club members to discuss the terms of the agreement and have requested additional facility rentals at no cost, so that the Club will have an opportunity to raise funds for future capital repairs.

The agreement between the Paisley Curling Club and the Municipality states that the Club pays a monthly fee to the Municipality during the curling season for use of the Curling Club floor and Lounge. The Club receives two (2) free hall rentals per year.

### **Chesley Curling Club**

The Chesley Curling Club agreement is in full force until mutually amended. The Club receives fifteen (15) free uses of the Kitchen and Boardroom, one (1) free use of the Community Hall, Kitchen, and Boardroom for the annual banquet and four (4) free uses of the Curling Floor during the off season.

Attached to this report is an overview of each agreement with the Curling Club's and the Municipality.

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## **Analysis**

After meeting with members of the Tara Curling Club and Paisley Curling Club, staff are recommending updating the agreements between both parties. The recommendation is as follows:

- Each Club shall receive up to \$1,000.00 in complimentary facility bookings per year that can be used anytime throughout the calendar year, provided that the rental does not conflict with any other events.
- Should the Club provide proof of their liquor license extension for the requested facility, the Municipality shall apply the non-licensed facility rental rate to the Council donation account.

Should Council approve the recommendations within the report, staff will amend the Tara Curling Club agreement and update the Paisley Curling Club agreement and bring a future report to Council for approval.

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

6.5 Engaging People and Partnerships

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### **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy**

The recommendation within this report would require \$1,000.00 for the Paisley Curling Club and \$1,000.00 for the Tara Curling Club to be allotted annually within the budget, being drawn from the Council Grant and Donation account. The Grant and Donation Policy will be updated to reflect this.

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Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer