



# The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

## Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: July 10, 2023

Subject: SRREC 23.11 Tara Community Centre Request for Concession Operations

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

Appendices: None.

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### **Recommendation**

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Directs staff to enter into an agreement for the 2023-2024 ice season for Tara Community Centre for Concession Operations.

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### **Report Summary**

To inform Council of the interest of a local individual requesting to operate the concession in the Tara Community Centre for the 2023-2024 ice season.

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### **Background**

Concession operations within Municipal community centres have become increasingly challenging to obtain an concession operator. Annually, staff put out a call for vendors wishing to operate each concession. During the 2022-2023 season, only Chesley had an operator for two (2) months of the season. Within the Municipal Fees and Charges By-Law, the cost for an operator is \$50.00 per month.

There had been some interest during the 2022-2023 ice season for concession operations in Tara, but for various reasons, they did not come to fruition. A challenge for many potential vendors is the cost of general liability insurance to operate and the varied hours that are involved.

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## **Analysis**

Staff have been approached by a local individual wishing to operate the concession booth at the Tara Community Centre during the 2023-2024 ice season. This individual has indicated that they plan to have drinks, snacks and other food items and plans to be available during hockey games, practices, and figure skating. This individual has confirmed with staff that they have a safe food handling certificate, has experience in similar settings and will engage the Health Unit prior to opening. This person has also indicated that they will provide proof of general liability insurance.

Should Council approve the recommendation within the report, staff will prepare the necessary agreement with this individual.

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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**

There will be minimal staff requirements associated with this agreement. Should Council approve, the agreement will begin in November 2023 and end in March 2024. This will generate \$250.00 in rental revenue for the Tara Community Centre.

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Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer