

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Date: April 11, 2024
To: Community Services Sub-committee
From: Tim Wolfe, Director of Community Services
Report Number: COM24-004
Attachments: None

Title: Stratford Memorial Boys Softball Association Agreement – Use of Packham

Objective: To consider entering into an agreement with the Stratford Memorial Boys Softball Association (SMBSA) for use of the ball diamonds at the Packham Road Ball Complex.

Background: The Stratford Memorial Boys Softball Association (SMBSA) has used the Packham Road Complex ball diamonds for many years. The original agreement expired December 31, 2013 and was never renewed.

In discussion with the Association, their registration numbers have significantly decreased over the years, and they do not foresee an increase in the future. Therefore, they are only looking to enter into a two-year agreement.

Analysis: The Stratford Memorial Boys Softball Association and Community Services Department are in favour of entering into an agreement for two years for use of the ball diamonds at the Packham Road Ball Complex.

The Association:

- Pays the City \$14.69 per player as per their registration, or the amount approved by Council in the Community Services Department Fees and Charges Schedule, plus \$500 per team;
- Have exclusive use of the batting cage only;
- May use the Complex for tournaments when available.

SMBSA will pay the amount per participant as approved in the Fees and Charges by-law (\$14.69 in 2024), plus \$500 per team. Based on noted declines in registrations, the revenues are nominal and will be reviewed more comprehensively in the next term of the agreement.

The City is responsible for turf maintenance and other facility maintenance.

Financial Implications:

Financial impact to current year operating budget:

Budgeted revenues related to this agreement are nominal. There are no additional impacts expected.

Financial impact on future year operating budget:

For 2025, SMBSA will continue to pay the amount per participant as approved in the Fees and Charges Schedule, plus \$500 per team.

Insurance considerations:

The Association will provide commercial general liability insurance against claims for personal injury, death or property damage or loss in the amount of not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000).

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Strengthening our Plans, Strategies and Partnerships

Partnering with the community to make plans for our collective priorities in arts, culture, heritage and more. Communicating clearly with the public around our plans and activities.

Developing our Resources

Optimizing Stratford's physical assets and digital resources. Planning a sustainable future for Stratford's resources and environment.

Alignment with One Planet Principles:

Health and Happiness

Encouraging active, social, meaningful lives to promote good health and wellbeing.

Staff Recommendation: THAT the entering into of an agreement between The Corporation of the City of Stratford and Stratford Memorial Boys Softball Association for use of the ball diamonds at the Packham Road Ball Complex for a two-year term to December 31, 2025, be authorized;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk, or their respective delegates, be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

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