



Report to Council

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Subject: Summer camps

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Context

Rental of a section of the St-Isidore Recreation Centre and the GFL hall in the Nation Sports Complex to Camp Kawabunga to offer a day camp for the summer vacation period.

Report

Third party delivery of a summer camp is common throughout many municipalities in Prescott-Russell. Camp Kawabunga rented a section of the St-Isidore Recreation Centre last summer and there was very positive feed back from the community and no major issues associated with their use of the building. We would like to offer them a 3-year term, with rental fees to increase by 7% annually. The municipality will reserve the right to cancel the rental contract if the arena floor replacement goes ahead soon.

The recreation department had planned on running the summer camp in Limoges at the St-Viateur school but staffing changes and a construction project at the school have now made it impossible this summer. The only other venue available for a summer camp in Limoges is the GFL hall in the sports complex, the camp would also have access to one of the fields. Rental to Kawabunga will however eliminate any other rentals for the 9-week period from the end of June till August in the GFL hall. The department is also concerned about the wear and tear on the new tables and chairs and arts/crafts and paint stains getting on the new flooring. Older tables and chairs would have to be moved in for the 9-week period and the camp would be required to cover a section of the floor when doing arts and crafts. The municipality would also reserve the right to advise the camp in advance and move it for a day or so should we be approached by an organizer for a big event in the hall or on the fields.

Relevance to priorities

As per the Recreation Master plan, Objective 8.4: Develop facility capacity: Recommendation: Source opportunities to develop partnerships for third party delivery of programs and services that highlight cultural programming for children and youth.

Financial Consideration

The rental rate for the St-Isidore recreation centre was \$75.70 per day for a total of \$5,526.14 (taxes included) in 2022. This was a substantial reduction (50%) in the rental fees price of the sports bar. This rental fee includes daily access to the sports bar, kitchen, arena floor and the 4 change rooms, park and splash pad. The recommended rental rate is \$5,912.97 (taxes included) for 67 days in 2023.

For the GFL hall in the sports complex the rental rate is recommended at \$112.22 (taxes included) for 67 days for a total of \$7518.74. This represents a 50% reduction on the daily hall rental and the field rental.

Recommendation

That the Council approves the recommendation to rent space to Kawabunga camp in the St-Isidore recreation centre for the next 3 years and the Limoges sports complex for 2023 only.

That Council approves the recommended pricing and that the CAO-clerk be authorized to sign the contracts.