

Report to Council

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Subject: Camp Kawabunga rates for special days

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Context

Approval of rental rates for Camp Kawabunga for March break camp and special camp days on pedagogic days at the sports complex and St-Isidore recreation centre.

Report

Camp Kawabunga has rented a section of the St-Isidore Recreation Centre for the last two summers and the sports complex last summer. There was very positive feed back from the community and no major issues associated with their use of the building. In 2023, Council decided on a 3-year term agreement, with rental fees to increase by 7% annually for the rentals for the summer camps. The municipality reserved the right to cancel the rental agreement if the arena floor replacement goes ahead in 2025.

The camp has approached the municipality requesting to host a March break camp at the complex and to offer special camps on pedagogic days. Staff offered them the non-profit organization rate as per the policy, but they responded that the fee is too high and there is too much of a risk involved. They have requested to have a reduced rate per day that would be fixed for the year and would allow them to plan activities. Staff have calculated the new rates for 2024 and finds it reasonable to offer Camp Kawabunga a fixed daily rate of \$120.07 (taxes included) for their additional activities. At the sports complex they will have access to the GFL hall and 1 field from 6:30 am till 5:30pm, at the St-Isidore arena it will include the large hall from 6:30 am – 5:30 pm and 2 hours of ice time per day during the ice season/ and all day access to the arena floor in the off season.

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

There are currently no reservations for the week of March break at the complex, nor the St-Isidore recreation centre except for Nation programming. The camp will be responsible for leaving the halls clean and neat when there is programming. This will bring the Municipality additional revenue during the off-peak hours of 8am - 5 pm.

Purchase Policy

N/A

Recommendation

That Council approves the daily rate of \$120.07 (taxes included) for Camp Kawabunga rentals for special days such as March break and pedagogic days within the Nation facilities for 2024.