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Date: February 11, 2025
To: Mayor Davis and Members of Council
From: Councillor Van Tilborg
Re: Enhancing Facility Rental Terms of Use

1.0 Resolution

WHEREAS the Brantford Minor Hockey Association's U15 99ers team is under investigation for serious allegations of cyber-bullying, including disturbing Snapchat messages involving alleged threats of acts of violence; and

WHEREAS this investigation is being conducted by an Independent Third Party (ITP), a fully independent group of experts appointed to handle all Hockey Canada maltreatment complaints; and

WHEREAS such investigations typically take between 113 and 136 days to conclude; and

WHEREAS consistent with the City's Customer Code of Conduct, the City of Brantford is committed to maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all employees and patrons; and

WHEREAS the Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre's Facility Terms and Conditions explicitly prohibit unacceptable behavior, including the use of profanity, discriminatory statements, harassment, or threats as outlined in section 264.1 of the Criminal Code;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be DIRECTED to collaborate with investigators and REPORT back to Council with recommendations to strengthen facility rental terms of use, ensuring all patrons are protected from bullying and harassment.

2.0 Corporate Policy Context

This Notice of Motion aligns with Corporate Policy -030 “Respectful Workplace Policy”.

3.0 Resources

There are no financial resources required.

In adopting this report, is a by-law or agreement required? If so, it should be referenced in the resolution section.

By-law required yes no

Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and/or City Clerk yes no

Is the necessary by-law or agreement being sent concurrently to Council? yes no