Date August 13, 2019

To Chair and Members
Committee of the Whole Operations and Administration

From Sandy Jackson
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1.0 Type of Report
Consent Item [ ]
Item For Consideration [X]

2.0 Topic Joint Use Agreement [Financial Impact – None] (2019-467)

3.0 Recommendation

A. THAT Report 2019-467 titled “Joint Use Agreement” BE RECEIVED; and

B. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to place the Joint Use Agreement as appended between The Corporation of the City of Brantford, the Grand Erie District School Board (GEDSB) and the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board (BHNCDSB) on the Council signing by-law, and that staff BE DIRECTED to present a by-law to update the Parks and Recreation Affiliation Policy #006 to remove reference to the Joint Use Agreement.

4.0 Purpose and Overview

The purpose of this report is to seek support from Council regarding the Joint Use Agreement attached as Appendix “A” as negotiated by staff with the GEDSB and the BHNCDSB.
5.0 Background

The Joint Use Agreement (the Agreement) has been a long standing three party agreement with the City, the GEDSB and the BHNCDSD with the purpose of providing access to schools and recreation facilities for members of the community. The Agreement was most recently approved in 2014 with an expiry of June 2019. Since June, the rights in clause 3.3 of the current Agreement have been exercised to continue on a month by month basis while negotiations were ongoing.

After numerous meetings with school board staff and the Joint Use Committee, a new agreement has been negotiated and is being presented for Council consideration through this staff report.

6.0 Corporate Policy Context

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Parks and Recreation Master Plan: Recommendation 131 - Continue to encourage access to school board facilities as supported through the Community Use of School Policies and Joint Use Agreements.

7.0 Input From Other Sources

The Legal and Real Estate Services Department provided input into the Joint Use Agreement. City staff and staff from the GEDSB and the BHNCDSB participated in the negotiation discussions.

8.0 Analysis

The purpose of the Agreement is to provide community and student access to facilities owned by both school boards and the City at little to no cost. Historically the shared use of schools and recreation facilities has been an important method of providing access to recreation and opportunities for increased physical activity which supports Parks and Recreation Policy 019 Access to Recreation and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2018.

City assets such as pools, arenas and the Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts create unique learning opportunities, exposure to life safety skills, culture and sports activities that are not available at most schools. School Board facilities such as gymnasiums and sports fields offer after-school, evening and weekend programming for neighbourhoods and the community at large.
Negotiations for this Agreement were complex and required two meetings of the Joint Use Committee to determine the direction of the Agreement moving forward. Besides minor changes to wording, some of the more significant changes to the Agreement include the following:

- removal of City Affiliated Groups (per Parks and Recreation Affiliation Policy-006) who will now access schools through the Community Use of Schools program directly with each Board;
- elimination of City maintenance and booking of school owned fields;
- expanded dispute resolution process;
- the addition of golf operations with limited access at a reduced fee at Arrowdale for students; and
- combined language for indoor and outdoor facilities to simplify the agreement.

The proposed term of the Agreement is two years commencing September 1, 2019 with an option to renew for an additional two years with agreement by all parties.

9.0 Financial Implications

The financial implications of the Joint Use Agreement as proposed are difficult to measure as the purpose of the Agreement is not to generate revenue, rather, to provide access to facilities owned by the three parties for community use. Direct costs for staffing will continue to be recovered when staff are not already in the building, or when staff are performing specific tasks or instruction for school groups however rental costs will not be collected by the City. Likewise, the GEDSB and BHNCDSB will charge the City for direct costs of staffing such as custodial costs outside regular hours but will not charge rental costs to the City for use of their spaces.

10.0 Conclusion

The Joint Use Agreement is a unique and valuable opportunity for the community and students to access facilities for sport and recreation activities. The Agreement includes terms and conditions that provide access for the three parties to use each other's buildings and outdoor amenities a little to no cost. This valuable tri-party arrangement helps the Community Programs, Parks and
Recreation commission fulfil important programming in the community and allows students enrolled in local schools opportunities to learn new skills and build teamwork and sports and recreation competencies.

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Attachments

Appendix “A”: Joint Use Agreement

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

By-law required [x] yes [ ] no

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

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