



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PUSLINCH PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, September 5, 2017

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Puslinch Community Centre

FILE NUMBER: Proposed Grant Application Policy and Fee Reduction/Waiver Policy

MEMBERS: Mayor Dennis Lever – Chair
Councillor Matthew Bulmer
Councillor Susan Fielding
Councillor John Sepulis
Councillor Ken Roth

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Presentations:

Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer provided an overview of the Proposed Grant Application Policy, including:

- The purpose of the proposed policy
- A summary of the proposed policy
- Total upset limit of grant funding
- Implementation strategy
- Feedback from the public

Questions/Comments:

None

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Mary Hasan, Director of Finance/Treasurer provided an overview of the Proposed Fee Reduction/Waiver Policy, including:

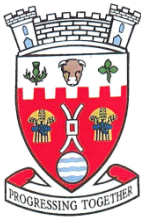
- The purpose of the proposed of the Fee Reduction/Waiver Policy
- Overview of Council's direction at the June 15, 2016 Special Council Meeting
- Overview of Option A versus Option B
- A summary of the recommendations for Township sports leagues, Upper Grand District School Board and Organizations Under Separate Agreement
- A summary of the proposed policy
- Implementation Strategy
- Feedback from the public.

Questions/Comments:

Michael Marinovic, Puslinch Optimist Club requested clarification into the eligibility criteria for organizations and inquired into which category the Optimist Club of Puslinch would fall into.

Dianne Paron requested clarification on the organization eligibility criteria "offer services that primarily benefit the Township and its residents". Dianne also inquired whether there would be an opportunity for special circumstance fee waiver requests to be brought to Council.

Joel Porter, Puslinch Optimist Club inquired whether staff considered the following in the preparation of the policy: the gross revenue of organizations and whether non-municipal facility rental models were looked at such as the school board model.



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Don McKay inquired into the proposed two-hour free meeting for organizations versus the three-hour booking requirement.

Bruce Joy, Puslinch Minor Soccer inquired into prime vs. non-prime time rates for baseball and soccer, and noted that Puslinch Minor Soccer is not opposed to Option B. He also noted opposition for the charging of rental fees for the meeting room especially for community organizations that cater to the youth or the elderly.

Deborah Deavu inquired when a decision would be made with respect to Option A or B.

Michael Marinovic sought clarification with respect to whether user fees could increase year over year.

Dianne Paron inquired whether members of the public can submit comments in writing. It was noted that written comments could be submitted until September 30, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.