



CITY OF  
ST. CATHARINES

## Corporate Report

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**Report from** Economic Development and Customer Service, Office of the City Clerk

**Date of Report:** July 16, 2013

**Date of Meeting:** August 12, 2013

**Report Number:** EDCS-216-2013

**File:** 10.57.11

**Subject:** National Child Day, November 20, 2013

### Recommendation

That Council approve the waiving of fees for a free family skate to be held Wednesday, November 20, 2013, at Bill Burgoyne Arena from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in response to a request from Early Years Niagara to participate in National Child Day; and

That Council approve the waiving of fees for two free family swims on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, at the Kiwanis Aquatics Centre Leisure Pool from 11:00 a.m. to noon and from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. FORTHWITH

### Summary

Early Years Niagara has forwarded correspondence inviting the City of St. Catharines to recognize our youngest citizens by hosting a free family skate and/or swim on National Child Day, November 20, 2013.

### Background

Notwithstanding the City's Grant Policy whereby grants are not permitted for the waiving of fees, staff is recommending to do so based on past practice.

At its meeting held September 12, 2011, Council approved a recommendation to support the efforts of Early Years Niagara by hosting two free family skates during regularly scheduled public skating sessions. On August 27, 2012, Council not only supported the free family skate, but added two free family swims at the new Kiwanis Aquatics Facility.

### Report

Recreation and Community Services confirm that Bill Burgoyne Arena provides public skating on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., while the Kiwanis Aquatics facility provides public swims in the Leisure Pool from 11:00 a.m. to noon and from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Financial Implications**

The average revenue generated for the public skating session is \$390, while the free swim sponsorship under the 2013 Rates and Fees for the Leisure Pool is \$75 per hour plus HST.

**Notification**

It is in order to notify Judy Reid, Manager of Community Projects, Children's Rights Interest Group of Niagara, 3340 Schmon Parkway, Unit 2, Thorold Ontario, L2V 4Y6

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