



CITY OF
ST. CATHARINES

Corporate Report

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

Date of Report: March 11, 2013

Date of Meeting: March 18, 2013

Report Number: EDCS-073-2013

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Subject: Request to Waive Fees - Ice Rental for 97.7 HTZ-FM

Recommendation

That Council, in accordance with City policy, deny the request to waive fees for the rental of ice in St. Catharines for the purpose of training for a charity hockey game of which the proceeds would support youth hockey programs. FORTHWITH

Background

A request was received in the Office of the Mayor from Mr. Chris Biggs, morning show host, 97.7 HTZ-FM.

As per the Corporate Policy, this request was placed on the correspondence list for February 25, 2013.

At the meeting of March 4, 2013, on a motion by Councillor Harris and approved by Council, staff was directed to prepare a report on the request to waive fees.

Report

The request states HTZ-FM, along with its morning show team, Biggs & Barr, is putting together a charity hockey team starting in the fall of this year.

They are requesting the waiving of ice time fees for two hours per week from April 1 to July 18, 2013, for the purpose of basic training for adults to learn skating and hockey skills. By the end of the training period, the plan is for a charity hockey game to be held in either early fall or winter and all the proceeds for the hockey game will be donated to Recreation and Community Services for their youth hockey programs in St. Catharines (or to a charity of the City's choosing). They anticipate playing between 15 and 20 games, with teams paying for the privilege to take them on.

Recreation and Community Services provided the cost associated with the use of various City operated ice rinks for the period April 1 – July 18, 2013. The response from the department was estimated at \$5,500. The fees vary depending on the time of day for the ice rental.

Financial Implications

The cost to waive the fees has been estimated at \$5,500.

Notification

It is in order to notify Chris Biggs, 97.7 HTZ-FM.

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