

ADDENDUM
COUNCIL MEETING
November 24, 2020

REMOTE MEETING

Please note due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting is being held remotely via teleconference and livestreamed through You Tube

I. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Council Meeting of October 27, 2020

Minutes of the Previous Committee of the Whole Meeting – Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 10, 2020

Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting – Closed Session Meeting of November 19, 2020

Recommendation: That the minutes of the Council Meeting of October 27, 2020, the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 10, 2020 and the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of November 19, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Further Council discussion of the fireworks event scheduled on Friday, December 11, 2020 in Linwood

IV. Committee of the Whole:

A *Recommendation:* That Council rise and go into a Committee of the Whole to receive reports and recommendations.

(5) Recreation

Chair: Herb Neher

[Rec. 19/2020](#) – Fees and Charges Discount for Minor Groups affected by Covid-19 Red Restrictions – Motion required

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**Recreation**

File No.: 19/2020

RECREATION REPORT

To: Council**Meeting Date:** November 24, 2020**Prepared by:** Danny Roth
Director of Recreation**Date Prepared:** November 23, 2020**Subject:** Fees and Charges Discount for Minor Groups affected by Covid-19 Red Restrictions.

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Township of Wellesley accept the recommendation from staff to authorize a 35% reduction in ice rates for the Twin Centre Stars, Twin Centre Hurricanes and the Wellesley Skating Club; and further

That this reduction only be in effect while Waterloo Region remains in the Red-Control phase of the Covid-19 response framework; and further

That the Council of the Township of Wellesley not reduce ice rates for any other groups.

Summary:

On Friday November 20, 2020 the Province of Ontario announced that Waterloo Region would move into the Red-Control phase of the Covid-19 response framework. In this phase ice users will be required to drop from 22 participants on the ice plus coaches, down to 10 participants on the ice including coaches. This will result in a significant decrease in the amount of ice each participant would get per week.

Based on these restrictions our minor groups have all requested a 50% reduction in their current rates.

Other municipalities in the Region have had similar requests. Some minor sport groups in other Townships have indicated that they cannot sustain their rentals if the numbers drop to 10 per rink and therefore, they would be cancelling all ice rentals.

Report:

Currently minor groups in Wellesley Township receive approximately a 37% discount on regular prime time ice rates. The current rate they pay is \$124.23. A further reduction of 35% results in an hourly rate of \$80.75. A 50% reduction results in an hourly rate of \$62.12. Our current prime rate is \$195.35. All numbers referenced do not include HST.

In the interest of keeping children and youth active during these difficult times staff are recommending a reduction, but not the full 50% requested. Only the groups identified in this report would be eligible for this discounted rate.

We currently have had a request from an out of Township Minor group for a rate reduction, but staff do not feel that this request should be considered as this is not a local group.

Township Strategic Plan:

To ensure quality and accountability in providing effective and efficient customer services that match or exceed expectations by ensuring appropriate recreation opportunities and effectively communicating to our residents on the services provided and their related costs.

Financial Implications:

Minor groups currently receive a reduced rate from our prime time rate, this would result in a further reduction. If the current restrictions last 28 days the following financial results would be;

- 158 hours of billable ice time to minor groups
- Regular fees for those hours would be \$19628.34
- 35% reduced rate for those hours would be \$12758.50
- Difference would be \$6869.84

Other Department / Agency Comments:

n/a

Legal Considerations:

n/a

Attachment(s):

Please see attached reduction requests

Department Head:	_____
Treasurer:	_____
Corporate Management Team (date):	_____
<u>Approved by:</u>	
Chief Administrative Officer:	_____ 

Hi Danny,

Twin Centre Minor Hockey Association is requesting that the Township of Wellesley consider an ice rate reduction across the board as our region moves into the Red/Control category as of Monday Nov 23rd.

Our season programming was based on a team sharing structure that had up to 20 players on the ice at the same time. If we would not have structured it on the premise of ice sharing, the player costs to participate this year would have skyrocketed and would have been unreasonable for the majority of our association members.

In the Red category, this reduces on ice numbers to 8 players so our ice cost would more than double. We are requesting a 50% reduction in ice cost to help us continue to provide programming to our Association members.

Regards,

David Dienesch
President
Twin Centre Minor Hockey Association

Hi Danny,

Unfortunately, as you are aware, the Region will be moving from the Orange Covid category into the Red Category under the Ontario COVID framework. This understandably will affect everyone in the Region but more importantly our own Township. Organizations like us will be especially hit hard as we now have to reduce the number of participants significantly. This in turn will create financial hardships into our small organization.

This is coming at a time where we started to have some normality for the kids. Kids have finally been able to get to do something they love. Being able to get out and do some exercise and have some fun with a few friends is all any parent.

With smaller numbers permitted to be on the ice the amount of rentals that we will now require will increase substantially but with no extra income to support it. This is why I am asking on behalf of the Twin Centre Girls Hockey League for a reduction in arena rental fees up to 50%. A reduction in rental fees would help ensure the future for girls hockey in Wellesley township not only for this year but for years to come.

Thank you for taking time to review this proposal and we look forward to hearing from you.

Andrew Miller
Twin Centre Hericanes

Hi Danny,

Given the changes to the ice time use the Wellesley Skating Club would like to request a fifty percent reduction in fees. The reduced arena capacity will present extra challenges for our organization.

If you have any questions let me know.

Thanks,

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Greg Parks

President

Wellesley Skating Club

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