

MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT
COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
COMMUNITY SERVICES - MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Robert Veccia R.R.F.A., Facilities Supervisor
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DATE: March 17, 2008

SUBJECT: Tilbury Scout Hut Operating Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. The Mayor and Clerk be authorized to renew an agreement with the Provincial Council for Ontario, Boy Scouts of Canada for a five-year term for the operation of the Scout Hut located in the Community of Tilbury.

BACKGROUND

The Tilbury Scout Hut consists of a meeting room, kitchen and an indoor active and outdoor passive play area.

In the mid 1970's, the facility was donated to the Town of Tilbury and was operated by appointed and elected individuals from various service groups and local citizens. In 1998, the facility became the property of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

The Tilbury Scout Hut is currently managed by the 1st Tilbury Scouting Association, a group of volunteers that meet monthly and oversee the operation of the facility for use by local Scouts and the community. Their main focuses are: ensuring that the facility is available to all age groups for scouting activity purposes; keeping the facility in a clean and safe manner; managing day-to-day operations; and, through long-range planning, making facility enhancements to the building and property. The volunteer group has also made general improvements to the facility, such as painting, horticultural, landscaping and ground maintenance.

COMMENTS

The former 25 year operating agreement between the Provincial Council for Ontario, Boy Scouts of Canada and the Municipality of Chatham-Kent for the Tilbury Scout Hut

has expired. The volunteer committee has requested that the operating agreement be renewed for a five-year term to allow the committee to apply for grant funding, such as Ontario Trillium Foundation, to assist with capital improvements to the Scout Hut building. All terms of the proposed agreement are similar to the original agreement, with the exception that the term is for 5 years. (Attachment 'A')

Therefore, it is recommended that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to renew the agreement with the Provincial Council for Ontario, Boy Scouts of Canada for a five-year term for the operation of the Scout Hut located in the Community of Tilbury.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The recommendation in this report supports the following objectives and strategic directions.

A: Health – We are a healthy community

A3: Promote Healthy Lifestyles

A4: Foster a safe and caring community

B: Economy – We are a prosperous community

B3: Maintain and enhance new and existing infrastructure to support economic and smart growth.

Desired Outcomes

- Nurture and support volunteer activity
- Promote wellness and improve lifestyle choices and expand upon healthy behaviours to build a sustainable health system
- Support new infrastructure investment and modernize existing infrastructure

The recommendation in this report will not adversely impact on the remainder of the Community Strategic Plan.

CONSULTATION

The Provincial Council for Ontario, Boy Scouts of Canada and the 1st Tilbury Scout Association have reviewed the draft agreement and agree with the terms and revised duration.

Legal Services has reviewed the agreement and provided input on the terms of the agreement.

Manager, Risk Management and Property Disposition has reviewed the agreement and agrees with the terms.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The facility would continue to be operated at no cost to the Municipality. The 1st Tilbury Scouts collects dues and donations which offsets operating costs of the Scout Hut. Any capital or mandatory building projects would be brought forward to Council for approval.

The group applies for grant funding where possible, to assist with improvements to the building.

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Attachment A – Tilbury Scout Hut Operating Agreement

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