

RECOMMENDATION:

That Committee of Council approve free rental of designated facilities at the Hyde Creek Recreation Centre on May 30 & May 31, 2020 for the Riverside After Grad Committee; and,

That the Riverside After Grad Committee pay for any extra staff costs incurred as a result of this event being hosted at the Hyde Creek Recreation Centre.

REPORT SUMMARY

A request has been received from the Riverside After Grad Committee for the use of Hyde Creek Recreation Centre on May 30 & May 31, 2020 for their after grad celebration (Attachment 1). They have also requested that the rental fees be waived, which requires Committee approval. Staff recommend that Committee endorse waiving the rental fees for this event, provided they pay for any additional costs incurred.

BACKGROUND

A booking request has been received from the Riverside After Grad Committee. They are requesting use of designated amenities at the Hyde Creek Recreation Centre from 6:00 p.m. on May 30, 2020 to 6:00 a.m. on May 31, 2020 for the purpose of hosting planned activities for their after grad celebration. They have requested that rental fees be waived.

As per the Delegation of Authority Bylaw, Committee of Council has the authority to waive rental fees for City-owned facilities.

This will be the 23rd year that the Riverside After Grad Committee has submitted a similar request to the City, and previous requests to waive the fees have been approved. All previous events have been very successful. In fact, hosting this type of event in a City recreation facility has proven to be very popular in other communities.

It is our understanding that events, such as this, have had a dramatic effect in reducing the problems that may occur at “normal” after grad parties. The RCMP are in support of this type of supervised graduation function.

This event will also provide an excellent opportunity to expose youth to the Hyde Creek Recreation Centre and for the City to demonstrate and reinforce that the facility is here for their use.

This event has tentatively been booked at the Hyde Creek Recreation Centre. Recreation Department staff will work with organizers to confirm the rental times and which areas of the building will be available. In addition, City staff will limit access to certain areas of the building where there are security concerns or risk of damage to equipment.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If, as in the past, the Committee of Council endorses waiving the rental fees, it is estimated that there would be potential revenue loss of \$577 (2020 rate). This decrease in revenue is anticipated only in the gym facility, as it is typically the only area which would be booked this late on a Saturday night. The gym is currently not booked after 10:00 p.m. Consistent with previous years, and in an effort to minimize loss of revenue, City staff have advised that (with the exception of the set-up time) the event will not be permitted in the building until after 10:00 p.m.

If the Riverside After Grad Committee wishes to use the leisure pool, lifeguards would be scheduled past the building's regular operating hours. It is estimated that four lifeguards would be required. This cost is estimated at \$537 (2020 rate) as we are required to schedule staff in a four-hour block. It is recommended that these additional staffing costs be passed onto the Riverside After Grad Committee.

In the past, the Riverside After Grad Committee has made every effort to keep the facility clean. Therefore, it is anticipated that the regular scheduled custodial shift would be adequate for this event. However, should it be necessary to call in additional staff to clean up, provide security or if the facility or equipment incurs any damages, these costs would be passed on to the Riverside After Grad Committee.

OPTIONS (✓ = Staff Recommendation)

	#	Description
	1	Waive the rental fees at Hyde Creek Recreation Centre.
	2	Reduce rental fees at the Hyde Creek Recreation Centre by 50%.
	3	Take no action (no waiver or reduction in fees).

ATTACHMENTS

Att#1: Letter of Request Riverside Secondary PAC

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