
MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Members of Council
From: Brenda Librecz, Commissioner of Community & Fire Services
Mary Creighton, Director of Recreation Services
Date: September 20, 2011
Re: Additional information for report - Request from Toronto Canada Moose Jr. A Hockey Club for Reduced Rates during Practice Time Periods

As a follow up from the September 19, 2011 General Committee meeting related to the report titled – Request from Toronto Canada Moose Jr. A Hockey Club for Reduced Rates during Practice Time Periods, we wanted to provide members of Council additional background information to clarify the decision made by Council in 2008 to grant the request to the Markham Waxers Jr. A Hockey Club for a reduced practice rate.

The Markham Waxers Jr. A Hockey Club in making their request to Council identified two issues:

- 1) Economic challenges the club was facing with increased operational costs; and
- 2) Interruption to their activities as a result of construction at Centennial Arena, their home based facility.

Based on this, Council approved their request, supporting the Markham Waxers Jr. A Hockey Club a valued sport partner in our community.

The recommendation made by staff in the report discussed on Monday, is to ensure consistency with both groups and applying the same fee structure. The Toronto Canada Moose Jr. A Hockey Club have also identified economic challenges and construction interruptions as rationale for their request at this time.

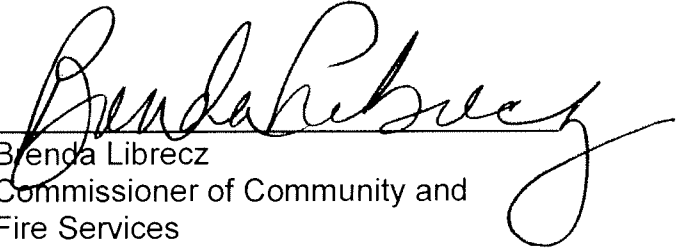
In the report and during the discussions at General Committee on Monday, staff identified that work will be undertaken during the Pricing and Subsidy Strategy to review all program and services fees. This work has been initiated as part of the Integrated Leisure Master Plan. The Jr. A ice rental rate will be included in this review. Based on the principles that are being discussed, which include not-for profit versus profit, category prioritization (i.e. minor vs. adult) and market rates

we anticipate that the Jr. A rate could be impacted. Any change as a result of the pricing review would impact both the Markham Waxers Jr. A Hockey Club and the Toronto Canada Moose Jr. A Hockey Club in a consistent manner.

Staff will be making a presentation to Council September/October to introduce the Pricing and Subsidy Strategy project process and timing.



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