



Report to: General Committee

Date Report Authored: March 5, 2015

SUBJECT: Annual Field Agreement- York Region District School Board
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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That the report titled Annual Field Agreement- York Region District School Board be received; and
- 2) That the Commissioner of Community and Fire Services be delegated authority to execute the Annual Field Agreement- York Region District School Board of Education, on an annual basis;
- 3) And that staff be directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the Commissioner of Community and Fire Services to be delegated authority to execute the Annual Field Agreement- York Region District School Board of Education, on an annual basis.

BACKGROUND:

The City and YRDSB enters into an agreement annually with the York Region District School Board regarding the use of the Board's athletic fields by the City for the purpose of issuing permits to community sport groups.

OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:

The City of Markham currently works with over 200 community outdoor sport groups who use both City of Markham owned fields and diamonds as well as sport fields owned by York Region District School Board (YRDSB).

The York Region District School Board currently has 18 sports fields (13 high schools and 5 elementary schools) in their inventory in Markham which are permitted annually by our local community sport groups.

The following fields are a part of the City of Markham inventory:

- Bill Crothers (3 fields)
- Burr Oak
- Markham DHS (2 fields)
- Markville
- Middlefield CI
- Milliken Mills HS
- Pierre Elliott Trudeau
- Thornhill SS
- Thornlea
- Unionville HS
- Baythorn

- Parkview
- Unionville PS
- Wilclay
- William Berczy

Overview of Agreement:

Operations staff maintains the fields on an annual basis including all preventative maintenance and cutting of the fields in exchange for these services the City is given access to the sport fields outside of regular school hours for community sport groups to use to support their recreational sport leagues.

The annual Field Agreement outlines the roles and responsibilities of each of the parties.

The agreement is broken up into two major sections:

- 1) Use of permitted fields: Outlines the dates and times that the fields can be used, ensures a two day rest period, and the administration functions required.
- 2) Details the roles and responsibilities of each of the parties related to the maintenance and monitoring of the fields. The City's responsibility to provide services which includes: cutting, over seeding and aeration.

Staff work with YRDSB on an annual basis to review the agreement, make changes as required to reflect changes to maintenance practices, availability of fields and customer service issues.

The 2015 agreement has been reviewed and staff have provided feedback to the YRDSB. Staff is recommending that it be executed for the 2015 season. At the completion of the season staff from the City and YRSDB will meet to identify any operational issue that need to be addressed and to review the condition of the fields to identify the work plan for preseason 2016.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE: (external link)

Not applicable

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:


Not applicable

BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

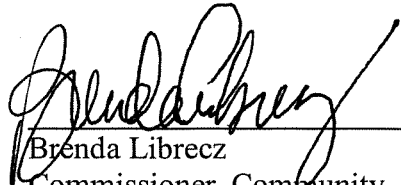
Not applicable

RECOMMENDED


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ATTACHMENTS:

Not applicable