



Staff Report

Community Services – Beaver Valley Community Centre, Tomahawk

Report To: COW_Finance_Admin_Fire_Community_Services
Meeting Date: May 21, 2024
Report Number: CSOPS.24.035
Title: Special Olympics Subsidy Request
Prepared by: Ryan Gibbons,
Director of Community Services

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.24.035, entitled “Special Olympics Subsidy Request”;

AND THAT Council provide subsidy in the amount of \$6,720 to Meaford/Thornbury Special Olympics for the use of Tomahawk Golf, Monday’s, weekly, for 4 tee times for 21 weeks.

B. Overview

Staff are providing background information and financial impacts regarding the request from Special Olympics for subsidy of tee times at Tomahawk Golf for Council consideration.

C. Background

In the past, the Meaford/Thornbury Special Olympics program has been subsidized and supported by Council specifically, the Grants and Donations program. Special Olympics have utilized Tomahawk Golf since 2021.

At April 15, 2024’s Council meeting, a deputation on behalf of Special Olympics was made by Maureen Munden and Cyndy Tyndal requesting that council consider extending the generous support received in the past and support the Special Olympics program with a subsidy of 4 tee times per week on Monday nights for the golf season. Deputation material identified a request for 3 times but during the deputation it was identified that Special Olympics has an additional coach and would like to change the request to 4 times.

During the April 15th Council meeting, Council passed the following resolution:

“THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation of Maureen Munden, Community Coordinator/Treasurer and Cyndy Tyndall, Grants and Donations Coordinator/Signing Officer, Special Olympics Meaford/Thornbury Re: Request for Council to approve a subsidy to the Special Olympics Meaford/Thornbury at Tomahawk Golf Course for the 2024 season;

AND THAT Council direct Community Services to provide a staff report for a subsidy of up to four tee times per week on Monday nights for the 2024 golf season for the Special Olympics Meaford/Thornbury at Tomahawk Golf Course, including historical data, Carried.”

D. Analysis

The request from the Meaford/Thornbury Special Olympics has been a historical request since 2021 granted through Council and the Grants and Donations Committee. Staff feel that this is a great opportunity to provide access to active living opportunities for the participants with special needs within the community.

E. Strategic Priorities

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

F. Environmental Impacts

None at this time.

G. Financial Impacts

The total subsidy for the request made by Special Olympics is \$6,720. This includes a schedule of 21 Mondays with tee times of 5pm, 5:10pm, 5:20pm and 5:30pm with 4 individual spots per tee time.

H. In Consultation With

Aaron McMullen, Manager of Facilities / BVCC / Tomahawk Golf Course

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services rgibbons@thebluemountains.ca .

J. Attached

1. Deputation – Maureen Munden and Cyndy Tyndal Re- Request for Tomahawk Tee Times

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Gibbons
Director Community Services

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Aaron McMullen - May 10, 2024 - 9:18 AM

Ryan Gibbons - May 10, 2024 - 9:19 AM