



# Staff Report

## Community Services – Recreation Facilities Services

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**Report To:** COW- Admin, Corp and Finance, SI, Comm. Services  
**Meeting Date:** May 26, 2025  
**Report Number:** CS.25.023  
**Title:** South Georgian Bay Parkinson's Festival Subsidy Request  
**Prepared by:** Aaron McMullen,  
Manager of Recreation Facilities and Building Maintenance

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### A. Recommendations

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THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.023, entitled "South Georgian Bay Parkinson's Festival Subsidy Request";

AND THAT Council approve the request from Living Better with Parkinson's Organization and South Georgian Bay Parkinson's Festival to be held on June 22, 2025, and waives the rental cost of \$723.20 at the Beaver Valley Community Centre.

### B. Overview

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This staff report outlines the financial details related to the request submitted by Catherine Smart, representing the South Georgian Bay Parkinson's Festival and Living Better with Parkinson's Organization, seeking a waiver of rental fees for the Beaver Valley Community Centre for their event on June 22, 2025.

### C. Background

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At the Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 7, 2025, Council received a deputation from Catherine Smart, representing the South Georgian Bay Parkinson's Festival and the Living Better with Parkinson's Organization, requesting use of the Beaver Valley Community Centre.

During the presentation, Mrs. Smart outlined the objectives of the Living Better with Parkinson's Organization, provided details on the purpose and benefits of the event for the Municipality, and described the program elements.

Mrs. Smart also formally requested that Council consider waiving the rental fees for the large hall, small hall, and kitchen at the Beaver Valley Community Centre in support of the event.

The following resolution was provided by Council to staff:

“THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the deputation of Catherine Smart, Executive Director, Living Better with Parkinson's regarding South Georgian Bay Parkinson's Festival;

AND THAT Council direct staff to provide a report in response to the request contained in the deputation of Catherine Smart of Living Better with Parkinson's to waive fees for the June 22, 2025 event at the Beaver Valley Community Centre”.

## **D. Analysis**

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Staff identify the South Georgian Bay Parkinson’s Festival as an excellent opportunity for Southern Georgian Bay residents to connect, access information from the Parkinson’s community, and promote health and wellness awareness within the region.

## **E. Strategic Priorities**

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### **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**

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None at this time.

## **G. Financial Impacts**

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In accordance with the Fees and Charges Bylaw 2025-10 and based on the request submitted by Catherine Smart representing the Living Better with Parkinson’s Organization, the total fee for the South Georgian Bay Parkinson’s Festival is \$723.20, inclusive of all applicable taxes.

Also, potential lost revenue for the day, using June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, as a comparable, would be an estimated \$120.

## **H. In Consultation With**

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Ryan Gibbons  
Director of Community Services

## **I. Public Engagement**

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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 Aaron McMullen, Manager of Recreation Facilities and Building Maintenance [amcmullen@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:amcmullen@thebluemountains.ca).

## **J. Attached**

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None at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Aaron McMullen - May 15, 2025 - 2:03 PM**

**Ryan Gibbons - May 15, 2025 - 4:21 PM**