



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the General Committee

From: Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services

Meeting Date: January 17, 2022

**Subject: Peterborough Petes Game Day Fee Adjustments in Response to COVID-19 Restrictions
Report CSAD22-001**

Purpose

To obtain approval to temporarily reduce the Game Day Expense amount payable by the Peterborough Petes Limited (Petes) to adapt Ontario Hockey League game play to Provincial restrictions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSAD22-001, dated January 17, 2022 of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

That delegated authority be provided to the Commissioner of Community Services to reduce the Game Day Expense amount payable by the Peterborough Petes Limited to an amount determined by the Commissioner of Community Services to be reflective of the operational requirements during restrictions imposed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Budget and Financial Implications

The Peterborough Memorial Centre 2022 Operating Budget includes the recovery of projected Game Day Expenses for Petes games. During reduced operations in response to Provincial restrictions, Game Day Expenses for Petes game will also be reduced resulting in no net financial impact to approving the recommendation in this report.

Staff would ensure that there would be no net budgetary impact to the City if a reduced game day expense was agreed to through delegated authority by the Commissioner of Community Services. Game day expenses would be determined by the Memorial Centre Facility Manager for each game day scenario to comply with the Provincial COVID-19 regulations and invoiced to the Petes.

Background

Through Report CSAD21-006 dated June 14, 2021, Council approved the terms for a new Facility Licence Agreement between the City and the Petes including a fixed-rate rental fee for game day expenses. Such expenses would include ushers, game day operations staff, parking attendants, security, and other costs related to requirements to host an OHL game. To address any future rules or regulations that could be imposed by the Provincial government, a medical officer of health or by the City in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that could impact maximum capacity at a game, an additional clause was included in the agreement stating the Team may request that the Facility Manager seek Council direction concerning reducing the Game Day Fee.

Effective January 5, 2022 the Province imposed new restrictions ordering the closure of indoor recreational facilities with limited exceptions:

- “indoor recreation closed with limited exceptions and conditions (such as athletes training for Olympics and Paralympics, select professional and elite amateur sport leagues who will operate via an approved framework from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and persons with disabilities for physical therapy)”

The Ontario Hockey League is included as an elite amateur sports league in the regulations and has decided to continue league play without spectators under the current restrictions. As a result, reduced Game Day Expenses will be incurred by the City allowing the Petes to proceed with game play in the Peterborough Memorial Centre. Future amendments to the restrictions during the current 2021/22 Season could see the return to reduced spectator capacity limits and the City would increase the Game Day Expense recovery amount accordingly. Providing delegated authority to the Commissioner of Community Services to temporarily reduce the Game Day Expense amount payable by the Petes in response to changing restrictions will allow for continued game play without interruption under the present restrictions and will allow flexibility as Provincial restrictions are amended throughout the season.

Submitted by,

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