



MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

REPORT NO. CS-015-23

TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Director of Community Services and Facilities
MEETING DATE: November 14, 2023
SUBJECT: **Contract Extension–Boys & Girls Club Facility Licence Agreement**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. CS-015-23 be received for information;

AND THAT Council authorize the extension of the Facility Licence Agreement with the Boys & Girls Club of London until December 31, 2026, as included in the By-law portion of this agenda, with the revisions as outlined within this report.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Report is to receive approval to extend the revised agreement between Thames Centre and the Boys & Girls Club of London (BGC).

BACKGROUND:

The Municipality initially entered into a trial period agreement with BGC at the July 22, 2022 meeting of Council. This agreement provides free use of space at the Thorndale Lions Community Centre (TLCC) and Thorndale Community Park, which allows BGC to offer youth programs that are otherwise not available in Thorndale. This trial period has been extended at Council meetings on two occasions (December 12, 2022 and May 29, 2023). The second extension of the trial period is set to expire December 31, 2023.

COMMENTS:

The updated 2023 Community Services & Facilities Master Plan stresses the importance of partnering with other organizations to optimize the activities and programs being offered to our residents. Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for a summary of how this partnership helps address 10 of the recommendations from this Plan.

BGC has experienced some early success with their offerings in Thorndale via this agreement and is looking to build on this success with a longer-term agreement. There is definitely trial and error involved in determining which programs and activities will create sufficient interest and support to become ongoing offerings. To assist in this

regard, we have provided BGC with all of the raw data from Monteith Brown's surveys, done as part of this department's Master Plan update, which provides BGC with valuable data, including what sort of programs are in demand. This information will help guide BGC in future program offerings, along with their intention to conduct their own program surveys and to collect qualitative data annually. In addition, once this agreement is approved, BGC plan to create a business plan to outline the delivery goals which will guide the planning and delivery of their programs and services offered in Thorndale. Please refer to the attached letter from BGC regarding their thoughts on this agreement moving forward.

The only changes to the proposed contract extension (marked-up version attached for your review) are as follows:

- 3-year contract expiring December 31, 2026, with the option to extend an additional three years (one year at a time) if mutually agreed upon
- Adding additional free time each month to hold P.D. Day Camps

Two areas that the Municipality will be working with BGC to address with this partnership are:

- Finding creative options for BGC to have storage space within or near the TLCC
- Working together to better promote BGC activities taking place in Thorndale, with our recently hired Communications Coordinator already assisting in this regard

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

This agreement reduces the availability of rentable space at TLCC, however largely during times that space is not in demand. The largest impact will be on last-minute one-rentals. Regular seasonal and annual users typically book well in advance and therefore will not be impacted by BGC bookings. The 2023 budget and draft 2024 budget for rental revenue at TLCC have taken into account how this free use of space by BGC reduces the revenue potential for this facility.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

Pillar: Community Development

Goal: Thames Centre will have opportunities for All to live a vibrant engaged life, making the municipality an attractive place to enjoy lifelong vitality.

CONSULTATION:

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REFERENCES:

Thames Centre's Community Services & Facilities Master Plan – September 2023

ATTACHMENTS:

Recommendations in 2023 CSF Master Plan that are Addressed by Agreement with BGC

Letter from BGC

Current Facility Licence Agreement with Marked Changes

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