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Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members

From: Gary Geraldi, Director of Parks and Recreation / Waste Management
Shawn Tucker, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

Date: November 20, 2026

Subject: Apsley Public School Free Use Request

Recommendation:

That Council waive the ice rental fees for the Apsley Central Public School 2026/2027 Ice Skating Program at the North Kawartha Community Centre (NKCC) in the amount of $1,260.00 plus HST. This fee represents a total of fifteen (15) hours of daytime, non-prime ice time at the NKCC.

Background:

The Township has received a request from the Apsley Central Public School, seeking financial assistance for the school's annual winter skating program. The school intends to provide five skating sessions at the North Kawartha Community Centre and has requested support to offset either ice rental or transportation costs.

The Township's Policy 2014-0007, Request for Use of Municipal Facilities or Services at Reduced or No Cost, permits Delegated Staff and Council to consider waiving or reducing fees when the request meets the policy's criteria and intent.

Apsley Central Public School operates as a public educational institution serving local families and uses this community-based program to promote physical literacy, recreation, health, and youth development. The school has indicated that budget pressures have limited its ability to subsidize the program at previous levels while maintaining accessibility for all students regardless of financial circumstances.

The requested ice time occurs during daytime, non-prime operating hours. As a result, the bookings do not replace existing recreation programming, user groups, or peak rental opportunities and therefore have minimal operational impact on facility scheduling.

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Analysis:

The Parks and Recreation Department has reviewed the request and supports waiving the 2026/2027 ice rental fees for this program.

The program provides local youth with the opportunity to participate in a healthy recreational activity within their community. The school specifically notes that skating sessions help students develop physical literacy, build confidence, and engage in active living, while also ensuring participation for students, who may not have access to ice skating outside of this opportunity.

The request aligns with the Township's objective of supporting community wellness, youth engagement, and accessibility to recreation opportunities. As the requested ice times are scheduled during the day (non-prime hours), we do not anticipate a reduction in regular programming or revenue-generating rentals.

Given the community benefit, the non-profit nature of the applicant, and the limited operational and financial impact, staff supports waiving the ice rental fee for the Apsley Public School 2026/2027 Ice Skating Program.

Financial Implications:

The request represents the waiver of fifteen (15) hours of non-prime ice rentals.

- Non-prime ice rental rate: $84.00/hour (plus HST)
- Total hours requested: 15
- Total Value of fee waiver: $1260.00.

The financial impact is limited due to the limited use of non-prime ice.

Strategic and/or Other Plans:

Governance

1. Provide Quality Community Programs and Services.
2. Provide effective, clear and transparent Township Communication.

Consultant(s) Sourced:

Shannon Hunter, CAO

Attachment:

1. The Apsley Central Public School letter of request, is available upon request.