



Recreation, Culture and Wellness Department

Wednesday, June 07, 2023

Subject: Pelham Minor Baseball Association Batting Cage
Licencing Agreement

Recommendation:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report #2023 -0137
Recreation – Pelham Minor Baseball Association Batting Cage
Licencing Agreement, for approval;**

**AND THAT Council authorize and directs staff to negotiate a licence
agreement with the Pelham Minor Baseball Association**

Background:

Through a partnership with Pelham Minor Ball Association a grant was successfully received for \$100,000 to build a batting cage and purchase a pitching machine. The batting cage was completed this spring at Centennial Park and is now ready for use.

Pelham Minor Baseball Association is well respected in the Community, affiliated with the Ontario Baseball Association, the Niagara District Baseball Association and has been in existence for many years. The Association provides organized youth hardball and t-ball to Pelham and surrounding areas, including both rep and house league divisions. A batting cage has been a request by the Association at past Capital Budget open houses and through this partnership and a grant opportunity it has become a reality.

Analysis:

It is now appropriate to enter into a licence agreement with the Association for sole use of the facility. The licence agreement will be for a 5-year period with the option for renewal, for a sum of \$1.00. The batting cage is the property of the Town of Pelham, and the pitching machine is the property of the Association.

The Association will be required to provide the Town with a 5-million-dollar general liability insurance, including batting cage, annually. The Town of Pelham will inspect and maintain the batting cage on a regular basis. The Association will maintain the pitching machine in good working order. The Facility will be limited to Pelham

Minor Baseball players over the age of 6 and only allow qualified Coaches, Managers covered under the Associations insurance. The Association will be required to abide by the Rules and Regulations as posted on the facility.

The Town Solicitor will prepare the said licence agreement.

Financial Considerations:

The agreement will be for a sum of \$1.00 with no rental fee, as the funding for the facility was a partnership with the Association and the Town would not have qualified for the funding without the Association.

Alternatives Reviewed:

No other alternatives were considered as this was a partnership with the Pelham Minor Baseball Association from the beginning.

Strategic Plan Relationship: Community Development and Growth

The facility will enhance the development of local players and the quality of programming offered by the Association.

Consultation:

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Pelham Minor Baseball Association

Other Pertinent Reports/Attachments:

NIL

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