

**THIS AGREEMENT** made on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 (“the Agreement”).

B E T W E E N:

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM

(“the Town”)

- and -

PELHAM PANTHERS HOCKEY CLUB LIMITED

(“the Licensee”)

**WHEREAS** the Town owns the Meridian Community Centre located at 100 Meridian Way in the Town of Pelham (“the Facility”); and

**WHEREAS** the Licensee is a junior hockey organization that desires to use the Facility for its operations and to obtain a licence from the Town for that purpose; and

**WHEREAS** the Town has agreed to grant a licence to the Licensee on the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS** the Licensee is a corporation incorporated pursuant to the laws of Ontario and has properly authorized entering into this Agreement; and

**WHEREAS** By-law No. [XX-2023] was passed by the Council of the Town on [DATE], authorizing the Town to enter into this Agreement;

**NOW THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION** of the mutual covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, the Town and the Licensee (each “a party” and collectively “the parties”) agree as follows:

## **1. TERM**

- 1.1. The Term of this Agreement shall be from September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2026 unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions herein.
- 1.2. This Agreement may be renewed or extended, on the same or different terms as contained herein, and subject to the following conditions:

- a. not less than six (6) months and not more than twelve (12) months prior to the end of the Term, the Licensee shall provide written notice to the Town of its desire to renew or extend this Agreement;
- b. the terms and conditions of the renewal or extension of this Agreement shall be mutually agreeable to the Town and the Licensee; and
- c. the renewal or extension of this Agreement shall be approved by Council of the Town.

## **2. GRANT OF LICENCE**

- 2.1. The Town hereby grants to the Licensee a licence to enter and use the Facility during the Term for the purposes of hockey practices, games, tournaments, clinics, dryland training and fundraising events as set out in this Agreement and in accordance with all terms and conditions contained herein.
- 2.2. The Town covenants and agrees that during the Term, it shall not enter into an agreement with any junior hockey club other than the Licensee to grant a licence of the type described in subsection 2.1 of this Agreement.
- 2.3. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed, construed or interpreted to grant any easement, title, right or interest in the Facility to the Licensee or to create any partnership, agency or joint venture relationship between the parties.

## **3. PELHAM PANTHERS HOCKEY CLUB LIMITED PREMISES**

- 3.1. Subject to subsections 3.4 and 3.5, during the Term the Licensee shall have an exclusive licence to use the dressing room area on the lower level of the Facility, adjacent to the Accipiter Arena, which consists of two (2) offices, one (1) kitchenette, one (1) changing room and shower facilities ("the Premises").
- 3.2. Subject to subsection 3.5, during the Term the Licensee shall further have an exclusive licence to use the areas of the Facility known as the Accipiter Arena and the Duliban Arena while rented by the Licensee pursuant to section 4 of this Agreement but shall otherwise have no licence in relation to those areas.
- 3.3. During the Term the Licensee shall have a non-exclusive licence to use other areas of the Facility for the purposes described subsection 2.1, subject to the Town's approval of any events or activities not otherwise provided for herein.
- 3.4. Notwithstanding subsection 3.1, the Town shall have the right to enter the Premises for any purpose whatsoever upon providing twenty-four (24) hours' notice to the Licensee. The Licensee shall not be entitled to any compensation for any inconvenience, nuisance or discomfort occasioned thereby.
- 3.5. Notwithstanding subsections 3.1 and 3.2, in the event of an emergency the Town shall have the right to enter all areas of the Facility without notice and the Licensee shall not be entitled to any compensation for any inconvenience, nuisance or discomfort occasioned thereby.

- 3.6. The Licensee shall be responsible for the installation, maintenance and repair of improvements within the Premises but shall not undertake any such work without first obtaining the prior written consent of the Town.
- 3.7. The Licensee shall be responsible for routine cleaning and maintenance of the Premises and shall keep the Premises in a condition satisfactory to the Town. The Town shall conduct periodic inspections of the Premises upon providing notice to the Licensee as required by subsection 3.4.
- 3.8. In the event that the Licensee fails to maintain the Premises in a condition satisfactory to the Town, the Town may arrange for cleaning of the Premises at the expense of the Licensee.

#### **4. ARENA PREMISES**

- 4.1. The Licensee acknowledges and agrees that in each year of the Term, it shall rent no fewer than seven (7) hours of prime time ice hours per week between the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of September and the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day of March. The Licensee shall rent additional ice time as needed and as available for games, tournaments or clinics operated by the Licensee.
- 4.2. The parties acknowledge that the Town ordinarily removes the ice from the Accipiter Arena on or about the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day of March each year so that it can be used for non-hockey events and activities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, should the Licensee require use of the Accipiter Arena after the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day of March to compete in playoff games, the Town shall not remove the ice until the Licensee has concluded its playoff games.
- 4.3. In each year of the Term, the Licensee shall be entitled to summer ice rentals for three (3) weeks during the month of August to conduct hockey tryouts. The Licensee may request additional summer ice hours, which the Town shall distribute to all user groups pursuant to its allocation policy. For greater certainty, the Town shall be under no obligation to provide additional summer ice hours to the Licensee except in accordance with the allocation policy, as amended or updated from time to time.
- 4.4. On or before the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of rental in each year of the Term, the Licensee and the Town shall agree in writing to a schedule of the rental hours that the Licensee has agreed to under subsection 4.1 and to which it is entitled under subsection 4.3.
- 4.5. The Licensee shall sign a standard facility rental agreement with the Town for each rental described herein.
- 4.6. The Licensee shall be responsible for the installation, removal and replacement of its on-ice logo in the Accipiter Arena on an annual basis and shall further repair or replace its on-ice logo as directed by the Town where the Town, acting reasonably, determines that this is required.

- 4.7. The Licensee shall have the following responsibilities in relation to all hockey games of the Licensee held at the Facility:
  - a. to supply sequentially numbered admission tickets, which shall not exceed the maximum seating capacity of the Facility;
  - b. if the number of tickets sold for a game is five hundred (500) or more, to pay fifty percent (50%) of the admission fees to the Town;
  - c. where the Licensee reasonably anticipates that four hundred (400) or more patrons will be in attendance, to hire one (1) or more licensed security guards for every four hundred (400) patrons attending the game and to hire additional security guards as directed by the Town where the Town, acting reasonably, determines that this is required for the safety of patrons at the game; and
  - d. to remove its camera equipment from the arena at the end of each game.
- 4.8. Patrons who enter the Facility within one (1) hour prior to a hockey game or during a game shall not be permitted to use the walking track at the Facility without paying the admission fee.

## **5. FEES PAYABLE BY LICENSEE**

- 5.1. The Licensee shall pay an annual licence fee in each year of the Term for the licences granted under section 3 of this Agreement, which shall be as follows:
  - a. Year 1: One thousand dollars (\$1000);
  - b. Year 2: One thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,250); and
  - c. Year 3: One thousand, five hundred dollars (\$1,500).
- 5.2. All annual licence fees are payable in advance and in full on or before the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of September in each year of the Term.
- 5.3. In addition to annual licence fees, the Licensee shall pay rental fees at the for use of the Facility under section 4 of this Agreement. The Licensee shall pay the adult rental rate for games, tournaments and clinics and the youth rental rate for practices. The rates payable by the Licensee shall be the standard rental rates set by the Town each year.
- 5.4. The Licensee shall pay all rental fees within thirty (30) days after the ice time to which they relate, failing which the licence granted to the Licensee under subsection 3.2 shall be suspended and the Licensee shall forfeit all scheduled ice time until all outstanding rental fees are paid in full.

## **6. INSURANCE AND INDEMNITY**

- 6.1. During the Term, the Licensee shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect one or more policies of commercial general liability insurance with aggregate limits of not less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per occurrence. The policy or policies shall include coverage for bodily injury, death and property damage and shall contain cross-liability and severability of interest clauses.

- 6.2. The Licensee's policy or policies of commercial general liability insurance shall name the Town as an additional insured with respect to this Agreement and shall contain an undertaking by the insurer(s) to give thirty (30) days written notice to the Town of any material change to the coverages and/or the expiry or cancellation of the said policy or policies.
- 6.3. The Licensee shall provide the Town with proof of insurance on or before the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of September in each year of the Term.
- 6.4. Any failure by the Licensee to obtain or provide proof of insurance as required by this Agreement constitutes a default by the Licensee that entitles the Town to terminate this Agreement immediately and without further notice or liability.
- 6.5. The Licensee and the Town shall each indemnify and save harmless the other and its officers, employees, volunteers and agents from and against all losses, claims, actions, demands and liabilities for personal injury or property damage arising as a direct or indirect result of this Agreement, where such claims are caused wholly or in part by the negligence of the Licensee or the Town, as the case may be, or by anyone for whom it is in law responsible.
- 6.6. Notwithstanding subsection 6.5, the Licensee shall use the Facility at its sole risk and the Town shall not be liable for any loss or damage sustained by the Licensee or persons using the Facility pursuant to the licences granted herein, except to the extent that such loss or damage is caused by the negligence of the Town or anyone for whom it is in law responsible.
- 6.7. The Licensee shall give immediate written notice to the Town of any incident, injury or harm to any person using the Facility pursuant to the licences granted herein and shall further give immediate written notice to the Town of any loss, damage or defect at any part of the Facility that comes to the attention of the Licensee.

## **7. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION**

- 7.1. This Agreement is conditional on the Licensee obtaining all necessary permits and approvals to construct any improvements at the Premises and to operate at the Facility. A failure by the Licensee to obtain any necessary permits or approvals constitutes a default by the Licensee that entitles the Town to terminate this Agreement immediately and without further notice or liability.
- 7.2. Failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be just cause for its termination. If either of the Licensee or the Town defaults in the performance of any of its obligations under this Agreement, the non-defaulting party shall give written notice of the default and shall provide sixty (60) days to remedy it, failing which the non-defaulting party may terminate this Agreement by written notice or may, in its sole discretion, extend the remediation period where the defaulting party has made efforts to remediate the default.

- 7.3. The Town and the Licensee shall each have the option to terminate this Agreement at any time during the Term by giving written notice of termination to the other party as follows:
  - a. where the notice is delivered during the annual hockey season, which the parties agree ordinarily commences in or around early September and ends in or around early May, not less than ninety (90) days prior to the end of the season; and
  - b. where the notice is delivered outside the annual hockey season, not less than ninety (90) days prior to termination date.
- 7.4. This Agreement may be amended or terminated at any time during the Term by mutual agreement of the parties. Any such agreement shall be made in writing, signed by the parties and appended to this Agreement.
- 7.5. Upon termination of this Agreement by expiry or otherwise, the Licensee shall promptly remove any fixtures, equipment, goods or chattels it has installed or placed at the Premises or the Facility and shall repair any damage resulting from such removal to the satisfaction of the Town. The Licensee shall further peaceably surrender to the Town vacant possession of the Premises.

## **8. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- 8.1. In the event that a dispute arises as to the interpretation, application or execution of this Agreement, including but not limited to a party's rights or responsibilities or an allegation of default, the party that disputes the other party's position or conduct shall immediately provide written notice of the dispute to the other party.
- 8.2. Where a notice of dispute is received in accordance with subsection 8.1, the parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute through negotiation for a period of thirty (30) days from the date on which the notice is delivered. The parties may extend the negotiation period if they agree that a reasonable extension is likely to resolve the dispute.
- 8.3. If a dispute cannot be resolved by the parties through negotiation, it shall be arbitrated in accordance with the *Arbitration Act, 1991*, S.O. 1991, c. 17. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties.
- 8.4. The Licensee and the Town shall each bear their own costs associated with the determination of disputes arising under this Agreement, including but not limited to legal and arbitration costs.

## **9. GENERAL**

- 9.1. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties relating to matters set out herein. There are no representations, promises, covenants or other terms relating to the subject matter of this Agreement and this Agreement supersedes any prior discussions, understandings or agreements between the parties in relation to its subject matter.

- 9.2. The rights and obligations specified in any provision of this Agreement which by their nature would reasonably be interpreted as intended by the parties to survive the termination of this Agreement shall survive such termination.
- 9.3. The invalidity or unenforceability of any particular term of this Agreement shall not limit the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms, each of which is distinct and severable from all other terms of this Agreement.
- 9.4. Waiver by a party of any provision of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver in any other instance and any such waiver must be made in writing. Any delay or failure on the part of either party to enforce any right, power or remedy conferred by this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver and shall not operate as a bar to that party exercising or enforcing such right, power or remedy at any subsequent time.
- 9.5. This Agreement shall be binding upon and enure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
- 9.6. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the Province of Ontario and laws of Canada applicable therein.
- 9.7. All communications required under or contemplated by this Agreement shall be considered to have been sufficiently given if delivered by hand, sent by registered mail or sent by email to the party to which such notice is directed as set forth below:

If to the Licensee:

NAME  
ADDRESS  
EMAIL  
Attention: CONTACT NAME

If to the Town:

The Corporation of the Town of Pelham  
P.O. Box 400  
20 Pelham Town Square  
Fonthill ON L0S 1E0  
Attention: Jennifer Stirton, Town Solicitor  
[jstirton@pelham.ca](mailto:jstirton@pelham.ca)

or such other address of which either party has notified the other, in writing, and any such notice mailed or delivered shall be deemed sufficient under the terms of this Agreement.

- 9.8. Notices delivered or sent by registered mail are deemed to be effective on the date of receipt. Notices sent by email are deemed to be effective on the day the email is sent or, if sent after 4:00 p.m., on the following day.

9.9. This Agreement may be signed in counterpart, each of which is an original and all of which together constitute a single document. Counterparts may be executed in original or electronic form and may be exchanged by way of mail or PDF file delivered by email or facsimile transmission.

**[signature page follows]**

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties have executed this Agreement by their authorized representatives and agree to be bound thereby as of the first day of the Term.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

I/We have authority to bind the Corporation.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PELHAM PANTHERS HOCKEY CLUB LIMITED**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

I/We have authority to bind the Corporation.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_