



# DELEGATION FOLLOW-UP

Meeting: September 23, 2024

## Claresholm Minor Hockey Delegation Follow-up

**BACKGROUND:**

**2024** – September 9, 2024 Claresholm Minor Hockey requested that Council review the 10% Fee Increase on Local Youth, Prime Time Ice users for 2024-25. Minor hockey has found the fees have rapidly increased since 2022 (10% increase in 2023-34), resulting in financial strain and would like to cancel the 2024-45 proposed 10% increase.

**2023** - Administration prepared two options of the policy that were presented to the Audit & Finance Committee on March 14, 2023. There were 2 Recreation Fee policy drafts that showed Arena rates – Option A having approximate 2% increases across the board; Option B having more significant increases (up to 10% for some rates), with the goal of aligning Claresholm’s arena fees with other communities.

The Audit & Finance committee motioned a recommendation that Council adopt Option B to bring Arena rates more in line with other communities and to have users bear more of these increasing inflationary costs versus having them born by all residents through taxes.

Local Youth User rate \$78/ Hour

**2022** - Claresholm’s Local Youth User rate was \$70.90, comparable to other communities of similar size, although on the low end. The Arena 2022 Facility Comparisons show Local Youth Rates across 21 communities range from \$60/hr to \$109.50/hr, with an average rate of \$85.86. Only two Towns were lower than the current rate \$70.90/hr, which is Vulcan at \$60 and Bow Island at \$70.

**2018** - Local Youth Arena User Fees were \$69.50/ Hour, an increase of 10% from 2015 Rates

**2015** - Local Youth Arena User Fees were \$63.00

**Options for Council’s Consideration:**

Administration and Council compared Claresholm’s fees with other community fees in 2023 (2022-23 rates) and Council approved increasing the Prime Time Ice Rental Youth Minor Hockey fees by 20% (10% 2023-24 and 10% in 2024-25). If Council wishes to keep the fees “as-is” (Option A), then no motion is required.

**Option A (Current)**

Current rates as per Policy #5.7.10	2023 10%	2024 10%	2025
Prime Time Ice Rental (/hr) <i>Youth, Minor Hockey</i>	\$78.00 + GST	\$85.80 + GST	
<b><u>Option B (Delegation Request)</u></b>			
No Increase	2023 10%	2024 0%	2025
Prime Time Ice Rental (/hr) <i>Youth, Minor Hockey</i>	\$78.00 + GST	\$78.00 + GST	
<b><u>Option C</u></b>			
5% per year	2023 10%	2024 5% of 2023	2025 5% of 2024
Prime Time Ice Rental (/hr) <i>Youth, Minor Hockey</i>	\$78.00 + GST	\$81.90 + GST	\$86.00 + GST

**PROPOSED MOTION:** Moved by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt Option \_\_\_\_ for the Rec Fees Policy 5.7.10 Amendment to Youth Prime Time Ice User Fees.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1.) Minor Hockey Letter
- 2.) Rec Fees 5.7.10 Version 2.3
- 3.) Facility Comparisons 2022

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