

Staff Report

Report To: City Council
Report From: Andy O'Leary, Facilities Booking Coordinator
Meeting Date: May 30, 2022
Report Code: CS-22-049
Subject: Owen Sound Gator Pit Slo-Pitch Tournament – Duncan McLellan Park – June 10-12, 2022

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-22-049 respecting Owen Sound Gator Pit Slo-Pitch Tournament at Duncan McLellan Park June 10-12, 2022, City Council:

1. Approves the use of the Duncan McLellan Ball Park for the Owen Sound Gator Pit Slo-Pitch Tournament on June 10, 11, and 12, 2022 in accordance with the conditions in Schedule 'A';
2. Approves the operation of a licensed area at Duncan McLellan Ball Park subject to the conditions outlined in Schedule 'A' on:
 - a. Friday, June 10, 2022 from 6 pm to 11 pm;
 - b. Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 11 am to 11 pm
 - c. Sunday, June 12, 2022 from 11 am to 7 pm;
3. Deems the tournament as a "Municipally Significant" event and requests that the agreement include indemnification clauses as per Policy CS80; and
4. Directs staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement with Ben Kirkconnell and the Owen Sound Gator Pit Slo-Pitch team for the event and operation of a licensed area at Duncan McLellan Park.

Highlights:

- Event was moved to Owen Sound in 2019. After canceling in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19, the organizer is looking to re-start the event in 2022.
- 24 teams participated in the 2019 tournament.
- Event organizer will be making a donation to Safe n Sound in Owen Sound following the event.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

This report supports the delivery of Core Service.

Previous Report/Authority:

This event was approved in 2019 through report [CS-19-052](#).

Background:

Mr. Ben Kirkconnell is requesting Council consider the following for a Slo-Pitch Tournament:

1. Use of Duncan McLellan Park
2. Licensed Event Approval
3. Municipal Significant Designation

Friday, June 10, 2022 6 pm – 11 pm

Saturday, June 11, 2022 9 am – 11 pm

Sunday, June 12, 2022 9 am – 5 pm

This event operated for five years out of Desboro but moved to Owen Sound in 2019 to allow for expansion. The tournament kicks off the start of the ball season for most teams and is a great opportunity to support and create awareness for Safe n Sound in Owen Sound. Twenty-four teams registered for this event in 2019, but the event was canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The licensed portion of the tournament will be operated by Ben Kirkconnell and the host team – Owen Sound Gators. Mr. Kirkconnell has experience operating the licensed portion of the ball tournament since his partnership began with the Owen Sound Men's Slo-Pitch League and has requested to

operate the licensed portion of the tournament in the pavilion at Duncan McLellan Park. There were no issues documented during their event in 2019.

Designation as a Municipally Significant event requires the event operator to include a charitable component. Mr. Kirkconnell has chosen to donate to Safe 'n Sound. City Staff will require a receipt of the donation to confirm compliance with Municipal Significance designation.

Analysis:

1. Agreement for the use of Ball Parks:

The following conditions apply to the use of the ball park:

- A certificate of Insurance for 5 million dollars naming the City of Owen Sound as additional insured;
- To secure all necessary licenses, permits and approvals as required by the City;
- To provide additional portable washrooms, including accessible washrooms and hand cleaning stations if required;
- Designate accessible parking spaces with signage;
- Operate all food and refreshment booths in accordance with City, Owen Sound Fire & Emergency Services, and Grey Bruce Public Health Unit policies;
- Use of Coca-Cola Company as the exclusive supplier as per City agreement;
- Obtain a Building Permit for any tents that are erected;
- Raffle, games of chance, or gambling require a permit from the AGCO;
- Compliance with Smoke-Free Ontario Act, County of Grey By-Law #4872-14, and the Ontario Regulation 268/18.

A full list of conditions is included at Schedule "A".

2. Licensed area information

The licensed area is at Duncan McLellan Ball Park as outlined in attached Schedule "B". The hours of the licensed area are:

Friday, June 10, 2022

6 pm to 11 pm

Saturday, June 11, 2022

11 am to 11 pm

Sunday, June 12, 2022

11 am to 7 pm

The organizer must comply with the City's Municipal Alcohol Policy, including completing the Operational Plan, to the satisfaction of Owen Sound Police Services, Fire & Emergency Services & Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).

3. Municipal Significance

In May of 2013 City Council approved Policy CS80 – Designation of an event as "Municipally Significant" concerning an application for a "Public Event" Special Occasion Permit.

As an individual, Ben Kirkconnell requires the Municipally Significant designation as his group is operating a public event and does not qualify as a registered non-profit or charity. The event is not of provincial, national or international significance.

Some conditions within the Policy include:

- Does the event benefit the community;
- Does the event have a significant community profile;
- Is it a community celebration of special importance that will benefit the community;
- Is the event a public gathering to participate in athletic, social, religious, cultural, recreation, or educational programs or one with other "community" objectives.

Staff has considered the information provided by the tournament organizer and recommends this tournament be considered an event of "Municipal Significance". While a particular event may receive a designation from a municipality, the AGCO Registrar will ultimately decide if the necessary criteria have been met for the permit to be issued.

Council has deemed similar Slo-Pitch Tournaments as a "Municipally Significant" event in the past.

In accordance with the policy, an agreement with the City is required, including indemnification clauses and insurance in the amount of 5 million dollars.

Financial Implications:

Revenue for Field Rental \$1,972.98 plus HST

Communication Strategy:

City staff will work with the event organizer and other City Departments regarding arrangements for this event.

Consultation:

Brent Fisher, Manager of Community & Business Development

Adam Parsons, Manager of Parks and Open Space

Ben Kirkconnell

Attachments:

1. Schedule "A" Conditions
2. Schedule "B" Site Plan
3. Municipally Significant Application
4. Pre-Event Budget

Recommended by:

Andy O'Leary, Facilities Booking Coordinator

Brent Fisher, Manager of Community Development and Marketing

Reviewed by:

Pamela Coulter, Director of Community Services

Submission approved by:

Tim Simmonds, City Manager

For more information on this report, please contact Andy O'Leary, Facilities Booking Coordinator at aoleary@owensound.ca or 519-376-4440 ext. 1255.