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Subject: RE: Bluewater Quilters Guild - Room Rental Rate Concern

Hi Bonnie,

Thank you again for reaching out and for your patience while we reviewed your concern. The Bluewater Quilters Guild has been a valued part of our community for many years, and we truly appreciate the time, and generosity your members share through your projects and charitable contributions.

Based on the group size you mentioned (typically 60–80 members), the Bay Room is likely the most suitable space for your meetings. However, if your attendance varies or you'd like to explore smaller rooms that might better fit your needs or budget, we'd be happy to help you look at those options. Ryan (copied here) can assist if you'd like to arrange a quick tour or discuss layout options for these rooms.

Earlier this year, the City completed a full review of all fees as part of a broader Service Review to make sure rates reflect the true cost of providing each service. For the first time, every Standing Committee and Council reviewed and approved the updates before they took effect on July 1, 2025. **Since your initial request, City staff did explore options to see if there was any flexibility to change the application of current rental rates for the Guild; however, because they were approved through the Council-adopted Fees and Charges By-law, City staff unfortunately do not have the ability to adjust the rates.**

If the Guild wishes to request that Council or Committee consider a reduced rate, I have confirmed that the next step is to submit a delegation request through the City's website at <https://www.owensound.ca/en/city-government/appear-before-council.aspx>.

I've included Pam, our Director of Community Services as well as Ryan, our Facilities Supervisor on this email as well to close the loop.

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