

Staff Report

Report To: Community Services Committee
Report From: Andy O’Leary, Facilities Booking Coordinator
Meeting Date: December 17, 2025
Report Code: CS-25-119
Subject: Sports Equipment Sanitizer Vending Opportunity

Recommendations:

THAT in consideration of Staff Report CS-25-119 respecting a sports equipment sanitizer vending opportunity, the Community Services Committee recommends that City Council direct staff to bring forward a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute an agreement for the non-exclusive use of space at the Julie McArthur Regional Recreation Centre for a sanitizing vending machine for three years as outlined in the report.

Highlights:

- The proposed installation of a sanitizing machine will be in the currently vacant area at the Julie McArthur Regional Recreation Centre.
- Servicing the machine will be the sole responsibility of the operation and the City will assume no responsibility for damage, loss or customer service inquiries.
- A vending option is a low-risk no-cost method to provide this service.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

[Strategic Plan](#) Priority: This report supports the delivery of Core Service.

Climate and Environmental Implications:

There are no anticipated climate or environmental impacts.

Previous Report/Authority:

None.

Background:

The Julie McArthur Regional Recreation Centre (JMRRC) welcomes tens of thousands of guests annually for various sporting events and activities. The City has a Joint Operating Agreement with the Family Y respecting the operation of the building. The responsibility for food and vending machines is with the City under Agreement.

A request has been received from Mr. Josh Harris to install a machine that is designed to clean, sterilize and help remove stink from sporting equipment. This machine is similar in size to a regular vending machine and could be placed beside the units already on site at the JMRRC.

The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's approval to place the machine at the JMRRC.

Analysis:

In late Fall 2025, staff was approached by Mr. Josh Harris with the request to place a sanitizing machine in the vacant vending spot the Julie McArthur Regional Recreation Centre.

The JMRRC does not have an on-site pro-shop or anything that would perform similar services.

Owen Sound would be the first location for a machine of this kind, however, Mr. Harris plans to expand if the service is successful.

The dimensions are 30" wide by 27" deep by 78" high. The unit requires a 20-amp electrical outlet that is available.

Mr. Harris will complete all servicing and maintenance for the vending machine.

A cleaning cycle can last anywhere between 5-8 minutes, depending on the customer's selection. The machine makes a gentle hum while in use and doesn't have any odour. A small amount of electricity is used for each cycle.

A \$750.00+HST annual lease fee for the space has been agreed upon, in principle, pending committee approval.

Responsibility for servicing the machine lies with the operator. The City will assume no responsibility for damage, loss of product or customer service inquiries.

An agreement would be required. The proponent would be responsible for the cost of the Agreement preparation which would include other matters and requirement for insurance and indemnification.

Financial Implications:

The operator has agreed to a \$750.00+HST annual lease fee for the space.

Communication Strategy:

This report to Community Services Committee.

The promotion and advertising of the on-site machine would be the responsibility of Mr. Harris.

Consultation:

Ryan Gowan, Manager of Arena Operations

YMCA of Owen Sound Grey-Bruce

Attachments:

Photo of Sanitizing Machine

Recommended by:

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