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**To:** Mayor and Council

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**RE:** Erie Migration District School- Joint Use Agreement

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## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

That the Mayor and Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the Joint Use Agreement of Facilities with the Greater Essex County District School Board.

## **BACKGROUND**

On September 3rd, 2025, Erie Migration District School opened its doors for the first time, marking a new chapter in education for children in Kingsville. This new Kindergarten to Grade 12 school replaces Kingsville District High School, Kingsville Public School, and Jack Miner Public School, bringing together a student body of over 1,000 elementary students and 750 secondary students.

Given the school's proximity to Kingsville's Recreation Complex and the town's need for additional gymnasium space for indoor sports and programs, the Town initiated discussions with local school board representatives about the possibility of a reciprocal joint-use agreement to share facilities and amenities.

## **DISCUSSION**

The proposed Joint Use of Facilities Agreement establishes a collaborative partnership between the Greater Essex School Board and the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville. This agreement is designed to create valuable opportunities for sports, recreation, and programming, benefiting both students and the broader community.

In summary:

- The Town will have exclusive access to the triple gymnasium Monday to Friday between 6:00 pm to 9:15 pm and Saturdays and Sundays between 8:30 am to 3:30 pm;
- The Town will be able to use Board Gym Equipment, including foldable chairs, bleachers, nets, tables and rackets for programming;

- Erie Migration District School will have exclusive access to the Town's amenities at the Recreation Complex for Physical Education and Athletics during the designated times listed in the attached schedule. During negotiations with the School Board, every effort was made to minimize disruption for existing renters. At a recent meeting with users, the draft schedule was presented, and all participants enthusiastically supported this important partnership with the school;
- The agreement will commence from the first day of signing and expire on December 31, 2026.

The Recreation Programming and Events team has developed a preliminary schedule designed to offer the community a diverse range of activities. Participants can look forward to events such as badminton, dodgeball, floor hockey, multi-sports, cornhole toss, basketball, table tennis, and pickleball. Once established, we encourage everyone to join in and make the most of these fun opportunities.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Historically, the Town gave Kingsville District High School a 50% discount for ice at the arena but did not charge for the use of other playing surfaces. Rental fees for ice time generated approximately \$3,824.00 in revenue in 2024.

In the past, the different schools sometimes accessed other school facilities on an ad hoc basis, sometimes working through the Town's facilities booking system and sometimes by getting permission to use the Town's facilities from user groups. This resulted in uncertainty about the terms and conditions for use of the facilities.

This new agreement aims to establish a mutually beneficial and cost-neutral arrangement for the use of facility space. Therefore, during the initial term, there will be no financial transactions between the parties to utilize each other's facilities. The agreement appropriately apportions risk and requires adequate insurance coverage.

Given the recent opening of the school, the School Board has requested a shorter agreement term to better evaluate the financial implications of this arrangement. Administration supports this request, as it will enable the Parks and Recreation staff to assess the potential operational impacts that may arise from increased demand and usage of playing surfaces. As such, before the expiry of the agreement in 2026, both parties will complete a cost-benefit analysis before entering into a more traditional 5-year agreement.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

By encouraging physical activity, outdoor sports can inspire individuals to choose healthier, more sustainable lifestyles, including walking, running, biking, or hiking, rather than relying on motorized transportation.

## CONSULTATIONS

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