

Date: November 2, 2017

To: Mayor and Council

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RE: Erie Shores Quilters Guild

Report No.: PR-2017-7

AIM

To provide council with information relative to the request from the Erie Shores Quilters Guild Charity Sewers for a waiver of rental fees, at the Unico Centre for their meetings.

BACKGROUND

At the August 28 meeting of council Fran Chartrand the chairperson of the Charity Program of the Erie Shores Quilters Guild requested 4 months of rent free space at the Unico Hall to work on their quilts. Upon review of the request council granted the following:

Erie Shores Quilting Guild--Correspondence dated August 18, 2017 requesting waiver of fee for Unico Building

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Moved by Deputy Mayor Gord Queen Seconded by Councilor Susanne Coghill

That Council approve request for a period of six months to Erie Shores Quilting Guild for the Unico Building.

DISCUSSION

November 1 we received notification that the quilters guild was going to appear before council to request the following:

The Erie Shores Quilters' Guild-Charity Group have provided a Delegation to Council request form to provide a demo of finished quilts designated for Royal Oak Retirement Home, and they have also indicated they want to make a request to Council to be further scheduled for the Unico Building and to have the rental fee waived.

The Quilters have rented space at the arena for an extended period of time pre-dating my employment with the Town. They are now asking to rent the Unico on an ongoing basis for their charity quilters group.

We are currently working to make the best use possible of all of our facilities and allow for maximum revenue generation and maximum efficiency of our work force. We do not have a precedent in place allowing for ongoing free rentals for any group. Our user groups who wish to host meetings in various rooms are required to book those rooms and provide payment. Should we begin to waive the fees on long term rentals then we will be considerably challenged in terms of revenue compensation for our facilities, and with the anticipated increase in requests to waive fees for other groups. The rental fee for the UNICO for this group would be \$75 per session for an annual 10 month fee of \$750

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Effectively manage corporate resources and maximize performance in day-to-day operations.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Erie Shores Charity Quilters set up requires numerous tables and chairs for their set up. The cost for a rental is \$75 and includes set up and take down. We have other groups that utilize the Unico at reduced rates such as the Friendly Club and the Lily Rebekah's however no group is able to utilize this space on a long term basis without some kind of compensation.

CONSULTATIONS

Facility Manager-T. Del Greco

RECOMMENDATION

That council deny the request from the Erie Shores Quilters Guild charity quilters for rent free space at the Unico Centre to hold their monthly meetings.

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Chief Administrative Officer