



The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Parks & Recreation Services

To: Policies and Priorities Committee

From: Paul Anthony, Director Parks & Recreation Services

Date to Council: May 25, 2021

Report Number: PRS- 2021-07

Subject: Outdoor Tennis and Pickleball Club Operations Policy

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That the Outdoor Tennis and Pickleball Club Operations Policy, Policy No. 91, as attached to Parks and Recreation Services Report No. PRS-2021-07, **be approved**.

Background

The Town of Tecumseh maintains a variety of outdoor sports fields and complexes that are available for residents and visitors to enjoy including tennis and pickleball courts. Tennis courts are located at McAuliffe Park, Optimist Park, and Weston Park. Pickleball courts are available at Shawanoe Park with additional courts scheduled to be constructed in 2021 at Lacasse Park.

Access to the tennis and pickleball courts are available with the purchase of a seasonal membership through the Parks and Recreation Department. A seasonal membership provides a key that allows access to the courts for the membership holder and a guest opponent.

Interest in tennis and pickleball has continued to increase. The Tecumseh Pickleball Association (TPA), a local not-for-profit volunteer organization, actively promotes the sport of pickleball and is a driving force behind the construction and fundraising efforts for the new pickleball courts in Lacasse Park.

Comments

With the interest in tennis and pickleball continuing to grow and with the establishment of TPA, Administration has identified the need to establish guidelines for use of the courts by clubs while ensuring the courts are available for community recreational use.

Attachment 1 is the Outdoor Tennis and Pickleball Club Operations Policy (Policy) as prepared and recommended by Administration. The Policy provides Administration with guidelines for the management of the courts for both public and club users. The Policy establishes criteria for what defines a tennis or pickleball club while outlining the application process for an organization to receive club designation along with the requirement for a formal agreement. The Policy outlines the responsibilities of the Town, such as providing basic recreation level services of all courts and the scheduling of courts for club and public use, as well as the responsibilities of the Club, such as submitting a written request annual for use of the courts as well as promoting the sport of tennis and/or pickleball.

Consultations

Corporate Services & Clerk

Financial Implications

According to the 2021 approved Fees and Charges, the fee for the purchase of a seasonal (tennis or pickleball) membership through the Parks and Recreation Department is \$27.00.

Fees associated for use of the courts by approved Clubs will be negotiated based on the number of courts required and the days / hours the Club will be using the courts on a weekly basis. The negotiated fee will be included a written five-year agreement that will be approved by Council or under delegated authority by-law.

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2019-22 Strategic Priorities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that Tecumseh's current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of Tecumseh's plans and priorities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steward the Town's "continuous improvement" approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate the Town's leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals.

Table 1: Link to Strategic Priorities

Communications

Not applicable ☒

Website ☐

Social Media ☐

News Release ☐

Local Newspaper ☐

This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

Prepared by:

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Director Parks & Recreation Services

Recommended by:

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Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment Number	
1	Policy No. 91, Outdoor Tennis and Pickleball Club Operations Policy

Table 2: Appendices