

March 5, 2014

To: Members,  
Community and Protective Services Committee

Re: Regina Rugby Clubhouse Agreement

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RECOMMENDATION

1. That City Council authorize the Executive Director, Community Planning and Development to negotiate and approve an agreement between the City of Regina and Regina Rugby Union Inc.;
2. That City Council authorize the City Solicitor's Office to prepare an agreement containing the terms negotiated by the Administration; and
3. That the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Regina.

CONCLUSION

The Administration has developed a new agreement with the Regina Rugby Union Inc. for the management and operation of the Rugby Union Clubhouse. The agreement will be consistent with the principles and provisions of the previous agreement which, to date, has resulted in the efficient provision of services and amenities to the Regina community and has allowed sport user groups to practice, play and host events in the high-quality facility.

BACKGROUND

In 1988, the City of Regina entered into an agreement with the Regina Rugby Union Inc. that provided funding toward the construction of the rugby clubhouse as well as leased the clubhouse to the Regina Rugby Union Inc. for \$10 per year for a period of 25 years. The agreement defined the terms of the construction, operation and maintenance of the rugby clubhouse located adjacent to two rugby playing fields, which are owned and maintained by the City of Regina. In consideration of the City's contributions, the Regina Rugby Union Inc. took responsibility for the operation, maintenance, taxes and insurance for the clubhouse. Concession services, washrooms and change room facilities were made available to both the public and sport user groups.

In 2001, an additional two fields were constructed by the City adjacent to the existing fields. The public and sport groups using the new fields were also granted access to the amenities and services in the clubhouse.

In 2013, the fields and facility provided services to a number of local groups, including the Regina Rugby Union, Highlanders Rugby Club, Regina High School Rugby, Regina Ultimate Flying Disc Club, Regina Touch Football League, Regina Thunder Alumni, and Rugby Saskatchewan. Participant numbers for 2013 amounted to over 2,300 participants representing over 140 individual teams.

Rugby participation in Regina has increased in recent years, with additional women's and high school teams participating in local leagues. In 2014, Saskatchewan Rugby will be initiating a Mini Rugby program in Regina for players aged 3 to 12.

In July 2014, the facility will play host to the Prairie Regional Boys and Girls Under 16 and Under 18 Championships and in July 2015 host the Rugby Canada Under 19 Canadian Rugby Championship.

The purpose of this report is to authorize the Administration to enter into a new agreement to March 31, 2024. The terms of the agreement are for less than Fair Market Value and require Council approval.

## DISCUSSION

The Administration has determined that there is no financial or operational advantage to the City assuming the operation and maintenance of the Rugby Clubhouse. By assuming this responsibility, the City will inherit operational, maintenance and capital costs for an aging facility. Consistent with the terms of the previous agreement the new agreement will require that the Regina Rugby Union Inc. assume all costs for the operation, maintenance and capital upgrades to the facility. Further, the Regina Rugby Union Inc. will maintain responsibility for payment of insurance costs and municipal taxes for the facility. The City will continue to provide maintenance to the fields supported by the Rugby Clubhouse and collect all revenues associated with the rental of the fields.

The benefits of continuing the relationship between the City and the Regina Rugby Union Inc. by entering into the new agreement include:

1. The agreement allows operation, maintenance and insurance coverage of the facility to continue at no cost to the City;
2. The public and sport user groups will have access to amenities that are critical to the success of their programs;
3. Consistent access and customer service at the facility are maintained;
4. The facility will continue to support provincial and national calibre events; and
5. The Regina Rugby Union Inc. has a vested interest in the long term viability of the facility to support rugby programming and events. The Regina Rugby Union Inc. has tentative plans to replace the roof of the facility in 2014 and is investigating washroom and change room upgrades in future years.

## RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

### Financial Implications

The Regina Rugby Union Inc. is responsible for all municipal taxes, insurance, maintenance and utility costs for the building. The City of Regina collects all revenues generated from the four fields supported by the facility. Revenue generated through rental fees in 2013 was \$20,663.30.

Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

Strategic Implications

This agreement is being negotiated with the Regina Rugby Union Inc. to ensure that Regina citizens have access to quality modern and efficient recreation facilities that will address the needs within our community. The relationship with the Regina Rugby Union Inc. is consistent with the strategic imperatives of Facilitating and Guiding Growth and Providing Excellent Service.

Other Implications

There are no other implications as a result of this report.

Accessibility Issues

There are no accessibility issues as a result of this report.

COMMUNICATION

The City of Regina and the Regina Rugby Union Inc. have a good working relationship and will continue to communicate throughout the agreement period and beyond.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

City Council approval is required to enter into this Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



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Respectfully submitted,



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