

THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

Report DCS 07-2022

Council Meeting Date: February 22, 2022

TO: Mayor Weber and Members of Council
FROM: Ashley Farr, Director of Community Services
RE: Ausable Port Franks Optimist Lease Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report DCS 07-2022 regarding the “Ausable Port Franks Optimist Lease Agreement” be received; and

THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the associated agreement.

SUMMARY

This report presents Council with information on the agreement with the Ausable Port Franks Optimist for the use of municipal property for a meeting and program space.

BACKGROUND

The Port Franks Community Centre, located at 9997 Port Franks Road is owned by the Municipality of Lambton Shores. The building contains two community halls, a library space operated by the County of Lambton, and an upper level. The Municipality rents the community halls to the public and community groups for a variety of activities including recreation programs, meetings, and special events.

Through a historical agreement, the upper level of the Community Centre has been leased exclusively to the Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club. The upper level serves as a meeting and program space for the Club.

The existing lease with the Club has expired. Staff have discussed the new agreement with the Ausable Port Franks Optimist, who are agreeable to the terms contained in the agreement. It is recommended that the lease be in place for a five-year period, which is a consistent timeframe for other similar agreements.

ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER

There are no alternatives presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The recommendation is to approve a five (5) year lease agreement with the Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club for the use of the upper hall at the Port Franks Community Centre.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Historically, the Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club has paid an annual lease fee to the Municipality for use of the space. This fee has been included in the annual fee by-law and has been subject to a 2% annual increase. The 2022 lease fee is \$2,139.85 plus HST.

CONSULTATION

Ausable Port Franks Optimist

The Municipal insurer has reviewed the agreement.

Attached:

1. Ausable Port Franks Optimist Agreement 2022