



Report

Subject: Otters Swim Club Funding Agreement – Timing System Clock

Department: Community Services

Division: Facilities/Parks

Report #: CMS-2024-006

Meeting Date: 2024-04-29

Recommendations

That report CMS-2024-006, Otters Swim Club Funding Agreement – Timing System, be received;

And that Council endorse the Otters Swim Club fundraising activities and approve the use of the Town of Orangeville logo on fundraising material;

And that Council approve the agreement between Otters Swim Club and the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville as outlined in Attachment 'A' to this report;

And that Council pass a by-law to authorize entering into and execution of the Funding Agreement with the Otter's Swim Club, for the provision of a timing system for the Alder pool;

And that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville.

Background

In April of 2021 renovations on the Alder Recreation Centre pool began. As part of the project, enhancements to the competitive swim equipment were included. The lap pool was expanded from six (6) lanes to eight (8) lanes. A headwall that runs the entire width of the pool was installed, equipped with eight (8) starting blocks and modern Swiss timing technologies connected to a new time clock.

Through the 2021 municipal budget, Council accepted funding from the Otters Swim Club (the 'Otters') to offset the cost of the new score clock. The timing system was

purchased and installed by the Town; however, the Otters will retain ownership of the timing system and will perform all required maintenance for its entire lifespan.

The Otters committed \$97,776.10 to purchase the timing system. To govern this funding relationship, the Otter's and the Town propose to enter into the agreement found in Attachment 'A' with respect to the financial donation.

The Otters are a long-standing club whose commitment to the community has been invaluable since they first gathered at the outdoor Lion's pool in the 1970's and incorporated in 2006. With 140 swimmers learning, competing, and representing Orangeville, the Otters have secured many provincial, national, and international championships including the 2016 Summer Olympics. The Otter's currently use twenty-four (24) hours of pool time a week, which is expected to increase to forty (40) hours once Alder Pool reopens.

The installation of the advanced competition infrastructure at Alder Pool will further support the athletes' development and the sport in Ontario.

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal: Corporate Capacity

Objective: Innovation – Promote service delivery innovation through modern approaches

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Corporate and Fiscal

Strategy: Demonstrate municipal leadership by considering the environmental, social and economic impacts of all Town decisions

Notice Provisions

N/A

Financial Impact

Upon execution of the agreement, staff will establish a receivable for the donation in the full amount of \$97,776.10, with matching funds transferred towards the Alder Pool Liner replacement Capital Project.

The Otters will make the payment to the Town, in one lump sum no later than June 1, 2024.

The additional costs associated with the headwall installation are to be borne by the Town, and as such were charged to the Alder Pool Liner Replacement initiative. A future report to Council will summarize the total cost of this major capital initiative and the sources of funding.

Respectfully prepared and submitted by,

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Attachment:

1. Funding Agreement between the Town of Orangeville and the Otters Swim Club