



## YFC/Youth Unlimited – Waterdown

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Re: Refund Request for DC Fees - Youth Centre, 273 Parkside Drive, Waterdown

Dear Staff and Councillor at the City of Hamilton,

This letter is to formally request a refund for the newly completed Youth Centre for Excellence on the corner of Parkside Dr and Hamilton Street in Waterdown (just one block from Waterdown High School).

Thru the resources of many community volunteers, YFC Youth Unlimited Waterdown, a not-for-profit, has accomplished rezoning for donated land at 273 Parkside Drive with a vision for a youth centre for all of the teens in the area. Upon rezoning of the property being granted by the City of Hamilton, significant donations were secured from private individuals to begin construction of what has become a 3 year capital campaign to cover the \$3Million service project. Although great time and effort has been spent by many volunteers and the staff involved, we still find ourselves short by approximately \$350,000 and the doors have been open for 8 months, adding a focus on operational costs in addition to what is still needed to complete the cost of the construction.

Since opening in September just some of what is happening:

- 191 students registered at the centre
- 45 – 60 teens visit over lunch period, even in the most frigid weather
- Soup and other healthy simple lunches are offered daily to the youth, without bias, made by volunteers with donated vegetables.
- 15 – 45 youth partake in floorball, dodge, etc in the lower level of centre over lunch.
- Student led after school programs see attendance growing, with more student stepping in the role of caring for their peers.
- Wednesday afternoon and evening is open to junior high youth to help in building relationship prior to high school as we see “at risk” behavior now in the lower grade increasing.
- The recording studio has completed several recordings of the youth and their own music. At least two recordings are getting recognition in the wider community. One in particular is being used for an “Anti-bullying” campaign.
- Youth evening café’s allowing the teens to showcase their talent to their peers.
- Trained staff and volunteers have been available for critical support, providing guidance to the youth to make better choices. Mentoring that they seek of their own free will.

YFC Youth Unlimited is providing positive services that are greatly needed for our youth in our local community. Please keep in mind that there is no charge to the youth for the use of the facility and the programs and support offered. They come knowing there are caring adults there that have a heart to provide for their needs, whatever that might be. They are respectful, they are grateful and both greet and thank staff & volunteers as they enter and leave the centre.

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This is just the start of what we are seeing is changing the openness and kindness in the youth for themselves and for their peers.

We are asking for 100% of the DC charges to be returned, thereby helping us with the shortfall of our fundraising. By returning the DC fees we have paid in the construction process, more funds will be available to contribute to all the needs we are providing.

Here is a summary of the City and SAC DC's that were paid in May 2013.

**273 Parkside Dr.**

**Commercial/Institutional development - 7,517 sq ft**

**Credit for 1 Single Detached Residential Unit (SDU)**

CITY DC			
	Sq. Ft.	Rate	Ext.
1st 5,000 sq ft	5000	7.91	39,550.00
2nd 5,000 sq ft	2517	11.85	29,826.45
			69,376.45
Less: Credit for 1 SDU			(28,023.00)
<b>Total City DC's Paid</b>			<b>41,353.45</b>

SAC's			
	Sq. Ft.	Rate	Ext.
Waterdown SAC	7517	1.24	9,321.08
Less: Credit for 1 SDU			(1,563.00)
<b>Total SAC's Paid</b>			<b>7,758.08</b>

Kindest regards,

Arlene Reemeyer, YFC Youth Unlimited Waterdown

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