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**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
**HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT**  
**Recreation Division**

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	September 5, 2019
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Agreement with Rockton Lions Club for the Creation of a Community Hub at Beverly Community Centre (CES15030(a)) (Ward 13) <b>(Outstanding Business List Item)</b>
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	Ward 13
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<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- (a) That the City of Hamilton be authorized to enter into a five year Licence Agreement with the Rockton Lions Club for the operation and maintenance of the Beverly Community Centre following the completion of construction;
- (b) That the City of Hamilton be authorized to enter into a five year Licence Agreement with the Rockton Lions Club for the priority use of the Beverly Community Hall Room in Beverly Arena;
- (c) That both Licence Agreements include a clause permitting up to two extensions, each up to five additional years at the discretion of the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department; and,
- (d) That the General Manager of the Healthy and Safe Communities Department be authorized and directed to execute, on behalf of the City of Hamilton, these Licence Agreements, as well as any ancillary documents and extension agreements, all in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Over the last two years, City staff have successfully worked with staff from the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) to execute a cost sharing agreement in addition to a joint development and construction agreement for the new Beverly School and Beverly Community Centre. The execution of these agreements provides an opportunity for the creation of a community hub located at the Beverly Community Centre. The Beverly School Project began construction in the spring of 2019 and is expected to be completed in 2020.

The City of Hamilton has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with the Rockton Lions Club. Both the City and the Club have worked together to ensure the needs of the community have been served. The Rockton Lions Club has been a steady presence in the community and they would like to continue to provide a supportive presence.

The Recreation Division believes that the community would be best served by entering into a Licence Agreement with the Rockton Lions Club for the priority use of the Beverly Community Hall Room and the operation and maintenance of the new community space in Beverly.

### **Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable**

## **FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial: There are no financial implications associated with Report CES15030(a).

Staffing: There are no staffing implications associated with Report CES15030(a).

Legal: Upon approval of the recommendation, staff from Legal Services will complete the process of negotiating and finalizing these agreements.

## **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The Rockton Lions Club has been a part of the community for over 50 years and was the driving force behind building the Beverly Community Arena. The Beverly Community Hall Room is where the members of Rockton Lions Club hold their meetings and display their achievements.

The arrangement that the Rockton Lions Club made to have priority use of the Beverly Community Hall Room before and after amalgamation continues to benefit the community and the City. They have worked tirelessly to build and improve the community and are willing to take on more responsibility to ensure continued growth and success of the community.

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HWDSB conducted a review in 2013 to determine the long term needs in West Flamborough. A new school was approved to be constructed at the Beverly Community Centre site.

At the June 3, 2015 General Issues Committee meeting, Council directed staff to enter into negotiations with HWDSB to execute a cost sharing contribution agreement and any other necessary agreements, to construct a community space at Beverly Community Park, 6890 Highway 8, Rockton Ontario.

City staff approached the Rockton Lions Club with a proposal that the Club operate the new Beverly Community Centre and the Club accepted.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

None

### **RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

Recreation staff initiated conversations with the Rockton Lions Club about operating the Beverly Community Centre. The Club is willing to take on the added responsibility of running recreational programming for the community. The Rockton Lions Club has indicated that it would like to continue to have priority use of the Beverly Community Hall Room and will formalize the arrangement by signing a licence agreement.

Legal Services has provided guidance and advice on the creation of a licence agreement and their comments have been incorporated into this report.

The Ward Councillor has been consulted and is supportive of a Licence Agreement for the priority use of the Beverly Community Hall Room and operation of the Beverly Community Centre.

### **ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The City of Hamilton has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with the Rockton Lions Club and recognizes the contributions it has made to the community. Entering into a Licence Agreement with the Rockton Lions Club for the priority use of the Beverly Community Hall Room in the Beverly Arena will allow the Club to have a focal point for its operations and a home base where it can proudly share its achievements with the community. The room will also be available to book by any interested parties except on the dates pre-booked by the Club.

The Rockton Lions Club's relationship and commitment to the community make it the ideal candidate to operate the new Beverly Community Centre. As part of a mutually

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beneficial partnership, the City will work with the Club to ensure that there are community programming and events at Beverly Community Centre.

The Recreation Division does not currently have the budget or the staffing capacity to support a fully run recreation centre on the site. Recreation staff will take an active part in supporting the Rockton Lions Clubs with the initial and continued programming at the Community Centre.

Allowing a Licence Agreement under these provisions allows the Rockton Lions Club to offer programs that satisfy the needs and requests of the community. All the funds collected will be used to support the local community by reinvesting the rental fees collected to further benefit the facility and the community.

**ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

None

**ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN**

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**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

None