

Staff Report

Presented By: Frank Burrows, Manager, Parks and Facilities

Meeting Date: April 28, 2025

Subject: Lawn Bowling Club Lease Agreement

Attachment(s): None

Recommendation

That Council adopt By-law 47-2025, a By-law to authorize a (10) ten-year Saugeen Shores Lawn Bowling Club Lease Agreement between the Town of Saugeen Shores and the Saugeen Shores Lawn Bowling Club.

Report Summary

The Saugeen Shores Lawn Bowling Club leases Town lands and premises at 34 Victoria Street North in Southampton. The Lease Agreement expired on April 1, 2025, this Lease is for a ten (10) year period, beginning May 1, 2025, and expiring April 30, 2035. The agreement and authorizing By-law are included in the By-laws section of the Council agenda.

Background/Analysis

The lease agreement between the Town of Saugeen Shores and the Saugeen Shores Lawn Bowling Club for the use of Town lands and premises expired April 1, 2025.

In 2005, the Port Elgin and Southampton Lawn Bowling Clubs amalgamated to become the Saugeen Shores Lawn Bowling Club and relocated to the current site at 34 Victoria Street North in Southampton. Over the years the Club was successful in major renovations that included enhanced accessibility, a new kitchen, accessible washroom, club lounge area and rehabilitation of the greens. The Municipality has historically supported the Club by ensuring that capital funds have been available for the sustainability of the structure; and as such has replaced the roof along with new windows as part of their enhancements to the facility.

The Club continues to recruit new members and is actively promoting their sport within the community. In recent years the Club has seen a resurgence in popularity.

The renewed Agreement has been modernized and updated and includes the opportunity for the Club to consider providing space to the greater community for rental purposes and it permits the Club for some revenue opportunities to ensure its sustainability, including the sale of alcohol as

per the Municipal Alcohol Policy. The Agreement also contains provisions that the lease may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice.

The Club is responsible for all costs including hydro, water/sewer, insurance, building & grounds maintenance, decorating and cleaning/housekeeping. The Town, in partnership with the Club will assist with capital repairs as required. The fee for the lease has historically been minimal, this agreement has a fee of \$2.00 per year and this fee is recommended to continue.

Linkages

- Strategic Plan Alignment: Pillar 4: Fostering a Vibrant Place to Live and Visit
- Business Plan Alignment: Community Services Business as Usual

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding

Cost associated with this program are contained within the existing budget.

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