

To: Mayor and Members of Council

February 21, 2012

Re: Request to Waive Fees – White City/Emerald Park Parks and Recreation Board

Background

The Parks and Recreation Board was created by the Town of White City and operates on budgeted money from the Town of White City, grants from the RM of Edenwold and fundraising monies. The money that is fundraised is spent on recreation within the Community.

Discussion

The White City/Emerald Park Parks and Recreation Board is holding a Comedy night on February 25, 2012 as a fundraiser, and they are requesting Council to waive the fees for the rental of the community center.

The Community Centre rental rate for non-profit organizations is \$422.50 which represents a 50% discount of the rental rate. The board will be required to pay a corkage fee of \$2.50/person and also hire one bartender at a rate of \$12.00/hr.

In 2007 the Council waived the community center rental fees for the Splash Park fundraiser, and in 2011 the Council approved a waiver of fees for a proposed Valentine's Day Dance. The Valentine's Dance did not go ahead, as there was a lack of volunteers for the event.

Budget Implications

If the waiver of fees is approved, this will be included in the 2012 budget.

Conclusion

The Parks and Recreation Board is a direct arm of the Town of White City, and any money that is fundraised by the Board is spent on recreation in the community. Any money that is raised is less money that the Town has to take from the budget.

Recommendation

Administration recommends Council pass the following motion:

THAT WHEREAS the White City/Emerald Park Parks and Recreation Board is planning a Comedy Night to be held on February 25, 2012;



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AND WHEREAS this event is a fundraiser for recreation within the community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the rental fees for the Community Center be waived for the Comedy Night function.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shauna Bzdel,
Town Manager