

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor & Council
From: Recreation Services
Date: June 7, 2023
Subject: Mackenzie Mountaineers Lease

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council directs staff as how to proceed with the Mackenzie Mountaineers Lease.

BACKGROUND:

The Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League (GMHL) West expanded into Northwestern BC in the 2021-2022 hockey season with the addition of the Mackenzie Mountaineers expansion team (aka. Western Provinces Hockey Academy Ltd.). They offered a quality form of entertainment, positive community minded initiatives, and additional revenue to our community, while offering players a chance to further their hockey goals through an excellent on/off ice program. The Mackenzie Mountaineers competed in the GMHL league for the past two seasons and have recently moved to a new league called the National Junior A Hockey League.

Western Provinces Hockey Academy Ltd. entered into a two (2) year agreement with the District of Mackenzie to host a team here, which expires on July 31, 2023. Within the agreement there is a mutual option to renew on a year-to-year basis:

1.1. This Agreement shall be effective as of August 1, 2021 and shall remain in force for two (2) years until July 31, 2023 (the "Term"), unless earlier terminated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

1.2. At the end of the Term, provided the Team is not in default the Team shall have the option to renew on a year-to-year basis on thirty (30) days written notice subject to negotiations in good faith between the Landlord and the Team on the terms and conditions of renewal. If the parties are unable to agree on any such new terms and conditions, this Agreement shall expire as at the end of the initial Term.

SUMMARY:

During this timeframe the community has shown tremendous support for the team, however, the product has not been delivered as initially offered and the team is currently in default for

damages (\$1,101.91) and alcohol revenue (not reported). All ice rentals and dressing room payments have been received.

Derek Prue, Owner, will provide Council with a presentation on the seasons and whether they wish to continue the agreement going forward. Following the presentation, staff are requesting direction on how to proceed with the agreement.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Revenue generated from the team was approximately \$20,000 per season over the course of the last two seasons.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Community and Social Development

- Our investment in the municipality's services and infrastructure, our commitment to principles of social equity and well-being, and our belief in the value of resident engagement, creates a healthy community in which everyone feels valued and enjoys a high quality of life.

Strong Governance and Finances

- As the municipality's elected governing body, we serve all residents and businesses in the community. We engage residents and stakeholders on important issues and make our decisions through open and transparent processes. We are careful in our use of resources, mindful of the need to maintain programs and services, while also meeting the community's infrastructure needs.

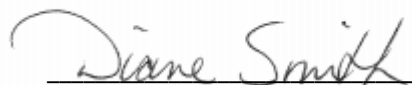
Respectfully Submitted,



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Director of Recreation Services



Kerri Borne
Chief Financial Officer



Approved for Submission to Council