

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Recreation Services

**Date:** June 20, 2023

**Subject:** Mackenzie Community Services – Ski Equipment Donation

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council accepts the donation of ski equipment from Mackenzie Community Services.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Mackenzie Community Services identified a community need for ski equipment (see attached letter) and approached staff about the possibility of donating equipment for use through Recreation Services. Based on initial conversations, staff determined that one solution could be that this equipment be stored at Little Mac Ski Hill and lent out on a first come first serve basis by ski hill attendants at zero costs to pass holders.

### **SUMMARY:**

Staff support the vision and the additional recreational opportunities it will provide community members. It also compliments what we have started with lessons at the ski hill. Staff believe the best path forward is to trial the program for the first year and adjust if needed in year two.

Regular maintenance would have to be performed on the skis, and replacement would not be guaranteed. Additionally, ski hill staff would need to take an online course/test before lending out equipment/fitting to demonstrate competency. The annual costs that would be incurred are listed below:

\$300 per year for waxing/sharpening of skis  
\$500 per year for training of staff

### **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

\$900 would be allocated from the Recreation Services operating budget to provide maintenance and training expenses.

**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,



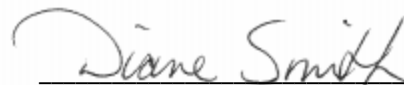
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Approved for Submission to Council