



Council report

Meeting date:	September 1, 2020
Title:	Municipal Alcohol Policy and Facilities Licensing Update
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Recommendation

That report Municipal Alcohol Policy and Facilities Licensing Update be received for information; and

That council consider bylaw 58-2020 to adopt the Municipal Alcohol Policy in the bylaw portion of the agenda; and

That council direct staff to continue operating municipal facilities with renters assuming responsibility for liquor licenses on an as needed basis.

Executive summary

During, and following, a public information session, public input was solicited on updates to the proposed Municipal Alcohol Policy and the proposal of the municipality licensing its facilities.

Background and discussion

On June 30, 2020, a resolution was passed directing that the Municipal Alcohol Policy report be tabled until such time as an education outreach component and a survey to receive feedback from the public regarding the possibility of licensing facilities is completed and summarized in a report to a future meeting.

A virtual town hall was held on July 29, 2020 discussing the Municipal Alcohol Policy (MAP) updates, general recreation updates as well as outlining what licensing of municipal facilities would look like. The information session acted as an education outreach regarding the MAP as well as allowing participants the opportunity to provide input on the items being discussed.

Following the online session, a survey was posted on the West Grey website to gain further input. Over 40 individual citizens and the following organizations provided input:

- West Grey Durham Lions
- Neustadt Lions
- Normanby Optimists
- Durham ThunderCats
- West Grey Minor Hockey
- West Grey Recreation Committees
- Durham Homecoming Committee
- Durham Agricultural Society



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All comments received were in reference to the licensing of facilities in which users were not in favour. Many questioned why the municipality would entertain the idea of licensing given that licensing removes the ability for users to profit from their licensed events. No comments were received regarding the updated MAP. An updated copy of the MAP for council approval can be found under bylaw 58-2020 for this meeting.

Legal and legislated requirements

Ensures compliance with current AGCO legislation and best practices.

Financial and resource implications

None

Staffing implications

None

Consultation

- Alcohol Gaming and Control Commission of Ontario
- Grey Bruce Public Health
- Ontario Public Health Association
- Frank Cowan Insurance
- Dave Eccles, CRM Insurance Brokerage
- Parks and Recreation Ontario
- Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance and Treasury
- Randy Murray, Facilities Manager (Durham)
- Tom Culliton, Facilities Manager (Ayrton and Neustadt)

Alignment to strategic vision plan

Pillar: Build a Better Future

Goal: Stewards of the Environment

Strategy: Look for sustainable practices throughout municipal venues and programming; look for alternatives to single use plastic

Attachments

None

Next steps

Following approval of bylaw 58-2020 staff will update signage to reflect the revised MAP, advise renters of the changes and update the BookKing software and the municipal website.

Respectfully submitted:

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