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RECREATION COMMITTEE

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

In Person

CALL TO ORDER & ACKNOWLEDGE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES AND LAND

"We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties areas. We wish to acknowledge the long history of First Nations and Metis Peoples in Ontario and show respect to the neighbouring Indigenous communities. We offer our gratitude for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we continue to honor these teachings."

6. **New Business:**

- (d) Memo from Jenny re: Insurance Opinion – Outdoor Rink and Possible Event on Lake, dated January 7, 2025.

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MEMO

To: Recreation Committee

From: Jenny Leblond

Date: January 7, 2025

RE: Insurance Opinion - Outdoor Rink and Possible Event on Lake

The CAO has received the following comments from the insurance broker.

Outdoor Rink:

We do recommend a few steps be taken to ensure safety at the rink. We recommend posting appropriate signage stating what the use of the ice surface is for (i.e. no hockey or hockey sticks), make sure the ice surface is thick enough, smooth and clear of any hazards.

Be sure signage indicates it is unsupervised, only to be used while following posted rules.

Sample rules to post:

- Hours of operation.
- Rules of conduct. (e.g. no horseplay, no hockey during public skating times- no body contact hockey)
- Open or closed for skating.
- Alcohol prohibited.
- Helmets are strongly recommended.
- Children should be supervised.
- Location of nearest telephone – 911 is a FREE call.
- Municipal contact number – be sure to acknowledge all calls so that people continue to call in and report problems.

We also recommend setting up an area for folks to put their skates on and also placing trash cans around the area to ensure garbage is collected and does not make its way onto the ice and become a hazard.

Event on Lake:

The event can be held on the shore and away from the ice to limit the potential exposure – a gathering on the shore on a local park nearby to celebrate the weekend. This would limit the exposure on ice and could still allow the Municipality to host an event. A fire could be held – we would recommend it have monitors and barriers set up to keep folks from getting too close.

If the event were to be held on the ice, we would want to make sure it is of sufficient thickness for the number of folks present to be on site. Drilling ice holes does present an element of risk for an event like there were larger numbers of folks may be present. We want to make sure the holes are clearly marked and trained individuals are operating the drills and holes are placed a sufficient distance away from one another. Further, we would want to make sure the area is clear prior to any drilling commencing and the amount of folks in the area is controlled during that time.

Likely, it may be best from a risk management standpoint to limit the operations to on land.