

Meeting Date: December 18, 2023
Department: Community Services
Report No.: CS-2023-36
Submitted by: Robert Lilbourne, Director of Community Services
Approved by: Trisha McKibbin, Chief Administrative Officer

SUBJECT: Update/Renewal of the Joint Use Agreement with TVDSB and LDSCB

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: Council receive report CS-2023-36 for information, and further;

THAT: Council renews the Joint Use Agreement with the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) and the English Language Separate District School Board No. 38 operating as the London District Catholic School Board (LDCSB) for ten (10) years with successive ten (10) year renewals as laid out in the agreement.

BACKGROUND:

The Municipality and the two school boards entered into a Joint Use Agreement (JUA) back in 2001 and have continued a mutually beneficial agreement since this time.

The agreement has the TVDSB, the LDCSB and the Municipality mutually agreeing to collaborate in utilizing the different components of the Facilities. This collaboration aims to ensure mutual benefits and shared usage of distinct elements, such as the Arena, Sports Fields, and Schools. The agreement also defines the shared areas of property for maintenance purposes, including parking lots and sports fields.

COMMENTS:

This Joint Use Agreement (JUA) grants essential access to the gymnasium and other school spaces for the Municipality to implement its diverse community programs. The JUA stands as a mutually beneficial arrangement for both the Municipality and the two school boards. During the daytime, when our spaces are less utilized, the school boards can make use of our facilities. Conversely, during the summer months and after school hours when their spaces are less utilized, the Municipality can access their facilities. This symbiotic arrangement allows all three parties to expand their programs without incurring additional capital costs.

Without this agreement, the Municipality would be unable to deliver the varied range of community programs for which it has earned a positive reputation.

CONSULTATION:

Thames Valley District School Board
London District Catholic School Board
Joint Use Agreement Committee

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- The use of each other's facilities is at no cost to either party.
- Operational expenses of the grounds, shared parking area, and the ponds are divided equally among the parties 33 1/3% as described in the agreement. This primarily includes snow removal and grass cutting. There is \$20,000.00 allocated in the operating budget annually for this work.
- Operational and capital expenses for each facility are the owner's responsibility as described in the agreement
- Capital expenditures of shared facilities will be discussed in advance and approvals sought before work is approved or conducted as described in the agreement.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

Community Wellbeing – Residents of all ages in Strathroy-Caradoc will have access to community amenities and activities that are accessible and support active lifestyles and well-being.

ATTACHMENTS:

Joint Use Agreement
Joint Use Agreement (red line)