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**TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: BARRIE SOCCER CLUB AGREEMENT**

**WARD: ALL**

**PREPARED BY AND KEY CONTACT: R. BELL, MANAGER, RECREATION FACILITIES EXT. 4452**

**SUBMITTED BY: B. ROTH, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION SERVICES**

**GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL: D. MCALPINE, GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER APPROVAL: M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

1. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a Soccer Goals and Nets Agreement between The Corporation of the City of Barrie and the Barrie Soccer Club for the fields located at Huronia North Park, 311 Huronia Drive, Barrie, ON, generally in accordance with the agreement attached as Appendix "A" to Staff Report REC004-18, and subject to the agreement conforming to the following:
  - a) The agreement shall be for the removal of existing goal posts and for the purchase and installation of new soccer goal posts and nets;
  - b) The project costs are estimated at \$45,000 dollars, with the City of Barrie agreeing to fund up to \$22,500 of the project and the Barrie Soccer Club to cover the remainder of all costs;
  - c) The Barrie Soccer Club would be responsible to purchase the appropriate goals and netting and the City of Barrie would be responsible for removal and installation of goals and nets;
  - d) Upon completion of the installation project, the goals would become the property of the City of Barrie;
  - e) Signage would be installed referring to the fields as the Home of the Barrie Soccer Club;
  - f) Huronia North Park would remain dedicated to soccer pitches for a minimum of 5 years (2019 to 2024 inclusive); and
  - g) The agreement shall contain any other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the General Manager of Community and Corporate Services and the form of the agreement shall be prepared to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal Services.
  
2. That a capital project be established in 2018 for \$45,000, with \$22,500 funded from Barrie Soccer Club and the remaining \$22,500 from the Tax Capital Reserve.

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## **PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

### Report Overview

3. In the Spring of 2018, members of the Barrie Soccer Club met with Recreation staff to discuss their proposal for the installation of new goal posts and nets at the Huronia Soccer Fields. The intent of the proposed replacement is to ensure that the goals posts meet the new Ontario Soccer Association's standards.
4. The Barrie Soccer Club has been in existence since 1968 and has a present membership of over 2,000 players, consisting of primarily of youth players.

## **ANALYSIS**

5. The Huronia Soccer Fields presently have nine (9) soccer pitches which are used by the general public. The Barrie Soccer Club utilizes these fields 4 to 5 times a week, for a total of 62.5 hours per week.
6. As part of the proposed agreement, the Barrie Soccer Club would purchase the appropriate goals and netting. The City of Barrie would be responsible for removal and installation of goals and nets.
7. The project costs are estimated at \$45,000 dollars, with the City of Barrie portion associated with the installation costs comprising up to \$22,500 and the Barrie Soccer Club to cover the remainder of all costs. Upon completion of the installation project, the goals would then become the property of the City of Barrie.
8. The Barrie Soccer Club would install a sign on the property of 311 Huronia Road promoting their group. The sign would indicate that the fields are "Home to the Barrie Soccer Club" and have their logo alongside the City of Barrie logo. All signage would be approved by Access Barrie.
9. Typically the City of Barrie would be responsible to cover the cost of providing proper sized nets to meet the soccer's governing bodies' standards. If the City did not replace the goals, there would be less demand resulting in lower rental revenue.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

10. There are no environmental matters related to the recommendation.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

11. The following alternatives are available for consideration by General Committee:

### **Alternative #1**

General Committee could decline the recommendation, and leave the goals and nets at their current dimensions.

This alternative is not recommended as the City would be providing a lower level of service as they would not meet new standards, which could reflect negatively on soccer user satisfaction and the resulting revenues.

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**Alternative #2**

General Committee could decline the recommendation and address the replacement as part of a 2019 Capital request.

While this alternative is available, it is not recommended as the entire cost for the goal posts and nets replacement and installation would be funded by the City of Barrie.

**FINANCIAL**

12. The proposed agreement outlines the Barrie Soccer Club will fund approximately \$22,500 towards the new goal post and net purchases and the City of Barrie will be responsible for up to \$22,500 dollars, to be funded through the Tax Capital Reserve.
13. The 2019 Capital request of \$45,000 dollars for the replacement of Huronia Soccer Goal replacement would be removed from the capital plan, if this agreement was approved.

**LINKAGE TO 2014-2018 STRATEGIC PLAN**

14. The recommendation(s) included in this Staff Report support the following goals identified in the 2014 – 2018 Strategic Plan:
  - Responsible Spending
  - Inclusive Community
15. The proposed agreement represents a partnership that reduces the City's expenditures while ensuring that the soccer goal posts and nets meet new Association standards.
16. Due to its relatively low cost to participate, soccer is an inclusive sport, as demonstrated by the number members of the Barrie Soccer Club. Replacing the goal posts and nets will ensure that players are able to access pitches meeting these new standards in their local community.

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**APPENDIX "A"**

**Facility Access Agreement**

This Agreement dated the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2018.

**BETWEEN:**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE**  
("Barrie")

- and -

**BARRIE SOCCER CLUB**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. Barrie owns the lands and premises known as Huronia North Park located at 311 Huronia Road in the City of Barrie.
- B. Management and operation of Huronia Soccer Fields and related facilities is vested with Barrie;
- C. Barrie owns the Huronia Soccer Fields and goals posts; and
- D. Barrie Soccer Club has agreed to provide Barrie with certain soccer equipment as set out in this Agreement, in accordance with the terms herein.

**THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The Barrie Soccer Club will provide 9 sets of goal posts and nets for installation at the Huronia North Park, either in one lot or spread over 3 years, whichever is most financially beneficial to Barrie and in the best interest of expedited installation, all at Barrie's sole discretion acting reasonably.
2. Once delivered the goals will become the property of Barrie.
3. The Barrie Soccer Club, and Barrie will announce the proposal in 2018 to complement and acknowledge the Barrie Soccer Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
4. Barrie will permit signage or a mutually agreeable recognition of the Barrie Soccer Club to be placed either directly at the fields or on the nets themselves or both. Such signage or recognition to be in a form acceptable to Barrie and the Barrie Soccer Club.
5. Barrie will provide full installation including labour and materials at no additional cost to the Barrie Soccer Club.



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6. Barrie's installation costs shall not exceed \$22,500 (approximately half of the project cost).
  7. Barrie agrees to continue to focus on improving the turf program at the Huronia Soccer Fields, including a third party review of existing quality levels, and implementation of suggestions that are feasible to upgrade these fields.
  8. Barrie agrees to ensure annually that all attempts to decrease the damage to nets by City maintenance and grass cutting staff at Huronia North Park will be communicated to appropriate staff.
  9. Barrie agrees that Huronia Park will remain dedicated to soccer pitches for a minimum of 5 years (2019 to 2024 inclusive).
  10. The parties (Barrie and the Barrie Soccer Club) agree to act in good faith to expedite, negotiate and complete this agreement in 2018 and complete the final installation in an expedient way.

The Corporation of the City of  
Barrie 70 Collier Street, P.O. Box  
400 Barrie, Ontario, L4M 4T5  
Attention: Manager of  
Recreation Facilities  
Fax: (705) 739-4243

Barrie Soccer Club  
7 Currie Drive  
Midhurst, Ontario,  
L0L 1X1  
Attn: President

11. If any part of this Agreement or the application thereof shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, it shall be deemed to have been severed from this Agreement and the remainder of the terms and provisions will continue to operate in full force and effect and be binding upon the parties to the extent necessary to implement the intentions of this Agreement.
12. This Agreement shall ensure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
13. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario.
14. The parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement and any schedules may be executed in counterparts, which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same instrument. Fax copies of counterparts of this Agreement shall be deemed to be originals and shall be binding upon the parties executing same in the same manner as if each party had executed the original.



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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties have executed this Agreement by their proper signing officers duly authorized in that regard.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF  
BARRIE**

Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Per \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**BARRIE SOCCER CLUB**

Per \_\_\_\_\_

I have the authority to bind the  
corporation