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**TO:** GENERAL COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT:** DOCS ON ICE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

**WARD:** ALL

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### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

1. That Staff Report REC002-18 concerning the Docs on Ice Annual Fundraising Hockey Tournament be received for information purposes.

### **PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

#### Report Overview

2. This Staff Report provides an overview of the efforts by the Recreation Services staff and the local physicians to investigate the opportunity for Barrie to become a host community for the 2022 Docs on Ice event. Based on the feedback from the local physician team representative, they are not considering Barrie as a host city for 2022.

#### Background

3. On May 1, 2017, Council adopted motion 17-G-083 as follows:  
  
**“SUBMISSION OF A BID TO HOST THE DOCS ON ICE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DOCTORS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT**  
  
That staff in the Recreation Services and Creative Economy Departments in conjunction with representatives of the Physician Recruitment Task Force investigate the feasibility associated with submitting a bid for the City of Barrie to become the next available host community for the Docs on Ice annual fundraising doctors hockey tournament, and report back to General Committee.”
4. The Docs on Ice Hockey Tournament is a three day event that is held at the end of March or beginning of April on an annual basis. It is a charity tournament that doctors participate in.

5. Below is a short description of the tournament from their website:

“Docs on Ice is an annual fundraising doctor’s hockey tournament that began in 1983. The tournament affirms the principals of charity, camaraderie, and sportsmanship inspired by the memory of the late hockey player and Urologist Dr. Peter Howes. The first tournament was held in Peterborough with 8 teams. Docs on Ice has grown over the last 35 years to include more than 800 physicians and 100 medical students, with 56 teams in 11 divisions from across Ontario and Quebec. Docs on Ice is hosted by a different city each year to bring doctors together to play hockey and to give back to the community by raising money and awareness for local charity. The tournament is run by physicians and volunteers to raise money through donations, sponsorship, registration fees, and special events. It is attended by high profile celebrities, including NHL players and alumni, media personnel, and television personalities. All proceeds go directly to charity. To date, Docs on Ice has raised over \$1 million dollars for charity.” (Docs on Ice website)

### **ANALYSIS**

6. Staff have been in contact with the representative from the local physicians group to investigate the feasibility for the City of Barrie to host the tournament. Staff learned that the next available hosting opportunity for this event was in 2022.
7. One of the criteria is the tournament request must be submitted by the area doctors, with support of the municipality. Staff discussed the option with an area representative who is one of the “Captains” of Barrie area doctors’ team and spokesperson for the group, to review all the requirements to host the tournament.
8. Through discussions with the representative, while the City of Barrie could produce the number of ice surfaces required to host the event, there was some concern that Barrie did not have a suitable location to accommodate an upscale banquet for over 1,000 people.
9. The spokesperson for the local physicians’ team felt that hosting the event may be an option in the future as the city continues to grow and develop, but at this time they are not considering submitting Barrie as a host city for the 2022 event.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

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

### **ALTERNATIVES**

11. As this Staff Report is being presented for information purposes only and the local physicians have indicated that they are not considering submitting Barrie as a host city for the 2022 event, no alternatives have been presented.

### **FINANCIAL**

12. There are no financial implications for the Corporation resulting from the proposed recommendation.

### **LINKAGE TO 2014-2018 STRATEGIC PLAN**

13. The recommendation(s) included in this Staff Report are not specifically related to the goals identified in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan.