



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

Information ☐	Recommendation ☐	Decision Request ☒	Councillor Activity ☐
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To: WHRM Council

Submitted by: John Smith

Date: Sept 19, 2024

Subject: Grant for Early Bird Hockey Tournament

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act

RECOMMENDATION or DECISION REQUEST

Council recommends \$1500 to the Early Bird Hockey Tournament to be played at the West Hants Sports Complex October 17-20, 2024.

BACKGROUND

Property ☐	Public Opinion ☐	Environment ☐	Social x ☐	Economic x ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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The Valley Jets, the regional u13AAA hockey team for the valley, has been named host for the Oct 17-20 tournament held in Windsor and Berwick. The Valley Jets is the regional u13AAA hockey team, made up of players from Western Valley, Acadia and West Hants Minor Hockey Associations and the Western Valley Minor Hockey Association.

This is a premiere event on the league calendar. The Valley Jets, one of 16 teams in the provincial U13 AAA league, will welcome some of the province's top young hockey talent for a weekend of exciting competition and community celebration.

This annual tournament serves as an early showcase for the league's developing players and offers a prime opportunity for players, families, and fans to come together and enjoy some of the best minor hockey the province has to offer. There are tournament fees for teams which will be the primary funding for the event, but the expenses outweigh fee costs despite raising the tournament fee charged by Bedford last year.

DISCUSSION

This tournament will bring 16 U13 AAA teams to the valley; about 275 players and coaches (not including the Jets) and another 250-500+ family members. As outlined in our bid, there will be 15, 1.5-hour games on Friday and Saturday at the West Hants Sports Complex (7 Friday, 8 Saturday) with teams staying at local hotels, and supporting West Hants restaurants and small businesses.

This event will bring a large economic burst to the area, and it is hoped the municipality might be able to help offset the cost of ice as at the time of submission, our costs slightly outweigh our expenses.

NEXT STEPS

(State what will be done next if anything.)

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

(Inform of any financial implications it may have on current or future budgets of the Municipality, or to residents, if anything.)

ALTERNATIVES

Council may decide not to provide funding.

Council may decide to fund another dollar amount.

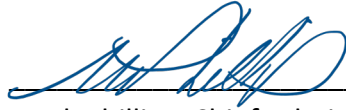
ATTACHMENTS

(List any attachment to the report, if anything.)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

Staff will take direction from Council regarding the request. The request does fall outside of the existing grant policy of Council. A review of the existing policy should be considered to ensure consistency is applied to all groups seeking Council's financial support.

Report Reviewed by:



Mark Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer