

Date: 2022-06-08

Subject: Brampton Minor Ball Hockey League (BMBHL) Overdue Account Balance

Contact: Anand Patel, Director, Recreation

Report Number: Community Services-2022-613

Recommendations:

1. That the report from Anand Patel, Director, Recreation, dated May 25, 2022 to Committee of Council meeting June 8, 2022, re: **Brampton Minor Ball Hockey League (BMBHL) Overdue Account Balance**, be received; and
2. That Council direct staff to provide Brampton Minor Ball Hockey League (BMBHL) with an extension on overdue payment of \$5,632 from the 2019 season, payable by December 31, 2022.

Overview:

- On April 27, 2022, Brampton Minor Ball Hockey League (BMBHL) Board member, Mauro Cugini, delegated to Council on behalf of BMBHL to request that Council waive the group's outstanding 2019 account balance in the amount of \$5,632 due to pandemic hardship and a court matter in which legal expenses were incurred by the organization. Council referred the item to staff for consideration.
- Staff have attempted to work with BMBHL for the outstanding balance on their account since October 2019 and have offered to set up a payment plan.
- Staff have the responsibility of balancing accommodations with fiscal corporate responsibility, and as such staff recommend providing BMBHL with an extension on overdue payment from the 2019 season with payment due by December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$5,632.

Background:

Brampton Minor Ball Hockey League (BMBHL) has been affiliated with the City since 2004. BMBHL's player roster in 2019 was comprised of 378 individuals and their residency percentage was 90.1%. A typical playing season for BMBHL is 2-3 months in duration, depending on the year. BMBHL playing seasons typically begin in May. The fee for BMBHL players ranges from \$130 to \$185.

Affiliated groups are privy to a special payment arrangement unavailable to non-affiliated groups. This arrangement permits groups to pay while the season is ongoing on a monthly basis. Non-affiliated groups are required to pay for permits in advance of their contract start date. Affiliated groups receive a 30% discount on rental fees for facility space.

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Current Situation:

The 2019 overdue balance owing on BMBHL's account is \$5,632. Staff have attempted to recoup overdue payment from BMBHL and to set up a payment plan, but have been unsuccessful with reaching an agreement with the group.

Staff are committed to assisting youth sports groups with sports-related support services and endeavor to make accommodations when individual circumstances require. Staff have the responsibility of balancing accommodations with fiscal corporate responsibility, including guaranteeing day-to-day operations are upheld and maintaining parity in how procedures are applied for all groups. Staff recommend providing BMBHL with an extension on the overdue payment of \$5,632 from the 2019 season until December 31, 2022 for additional flexibility and accommodation.

Corporate Implications:Financial Implications:

Providing BMBHL with an extension on their overdue payment will have no impact to the City, except for minor cash-flow variations.

Other Implications:

N/A

Term of Council Priorities:

Brampton is a well-run City, continuously improving the day-to-day operations of the corporation by effectively managing municipal assets.

Conclusion:

Staff are committed to working with BMBHL and all stakeholders to support their sports-related needs. Staff recommend providing BMBHL with an extension on the overdue payment of \$5,632 from the 2019 season until December 31, 2022.

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