

### REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND CULTURE

Re: 2024 YMCA Summer Day Camp

#### RECOMMENDATION

That staff prepare an agreement for Council that permits the YMCA to host their summer day camp at the Collins Hall in 2024

#### BACKGROUND

The YMCA Northeastern Ontario hosted their first summer day camp in Elliot Lake during the months of July and August of 2023. The City of Elliot Lake provided the Collins Hall at no cost and \$2000 to be used towards supplies (i.e. arts supplies and games) for the day camp. The YMCA was responsible for hiring, training, planning, and hosting the summer day camp. Due to the size of the facility and the number of staff they could hire, the YMCA capped their numbers at 20 participants. Families could register their children for the day camp on a weekly basis, for as many weeks as there was available space. The weeks varied in activity, ranging from sports to outdoor living skills. Please see their 2023 registration stats below:



#### Elliot Lake Day Camp Report 2023

Week	Theme	Registrants	Waitlist
1	All Sorts of Sports	18 / 20	n/a
2	All Sorts of Sports	11 / 20	n/a
3	Outdoor Living Skills	20 / 20	n/a
4	Arts and Crafts	20 / 20	2
5	Outdoor Living Skills	20 / 20	n/a
6	All Sorts of Sports	20 / 20	n/a
7	Create and Build	20 / 20	2
8	All Sorts of Sports	15 / 20	n/a

**Average Age of Registrants:** 8-9 years old

## **ANALYSIS**

Following a successful first year of hosting the YMCA's summer day camp at the Collins Hall, the YMCA is looking to return for the summer of 2024. They hope to fill their registration numbers completely next year now that the community is more familiar with the program. Additionally, they are planning to hire more staff so they can increase their capacity to 30 weekly participants. They plan to begin recruiting staff earlier and will be applying for funding to offset some of their staff wages. The rates for the 2024 camp are set to be \$155 per participant, per week, which is a 3% increase from 2023's rates (\$150 per week).

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The financial impact on the City for the YMCA to host their 2024 summer day camp at the Collins Hall is \$2000 that would go towards supplies for the day camp.

## **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Bringing back the YMCA summer day camp links to the strategic plan by developing strong partnerships with the YMCA organization and increasing community wellness by offering an additional service in the community for families.

## **SUMMARY**

The YMCA is eager to return to Elliot Lake to offer another summer day camp in the summer of 2024. With similar pricing to 2023 and increased participation capacity, the YMCA is looking to work with the City of Elliot Lake to offer the service for our community. Similar to 2023, they are requesting use of the Collins Hall at no cost and a contribution of \$2000 to be used for supplies. It is recommended that staff bring an agreement forward to Council for the YMCA to host summer day camp at the Collins Hall in 2024.