

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CLERKS AND PLANNING SERVICES

DESCRIPTION

Re: Sidewalk Lease for Pedestrian Access Ramp – Elliot Lake Hearing Services

OBJECTIVE

To provide Committee with information regarding a request for a sidewalk lease at Elliot Lake Hearing Services located at 6 Saskatchewan Road.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council enter into a lease agreement with Elliot Lake Hearing Services, for the purpose of maintaining a barrier free access ramp at 6 Saskatchewan Road; and

That the appropriate By-Law be passed.

BACKGROUND

Elliot Lake Hearing Services has an existing sidewalk lease with the City for the purpose of an access ramp into their establishment (By-Law 14-51). The lease rate is for ten (10) years and is set to expire by the end of August of this year.

Staff reached out to Elliot Lake Hearing Services earlier this year to obtain an updated Certificate of Insurance for 2024 and the tenant expressed interest to renew the lease for an additional ten (10) years.

ANALYSIS

The lease agreement is for approximately 12ft by 6ft Square footage of the City Sidewalk Located on Saskatchewan Road adjacent to this business.

In order to conform with the City's Sidewalk Lease Policy a minimum of 5 feet clearance needs to be maintained for pedestrian passage as well as to accommodate snow removal equipment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

As per the Request to Lease Municipal Property policy, local businesses requesting to lease municipal property (sidewalk space) for the purpose of a permanent access ramp to facilitate access for persons with disabilities shall be charged a nominal lease fee of Two Dollars (\$2.00). The business has provided a certificate of insurance being a proof of indemnity, which will name the City as co-insured.

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Leasing sidewalk space for the purpose of an access ramp is linked to the City's Strategic Plan through:

Infrastructure and Capital Projects – *The City is committed to making community spaces accessible, regardless of ability and encourages all to do the same*

SUMMARY

It is recommended that Committee approve a City sidewalk lease agreement with Elliot Lake Hearing Services in order to allow for an accessibility ramp providing access to Elliot Lake Hearing Services located at 6 Saskatchewan Road.

