

Thornlea Pool Report



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Presentation Overview

- Review Request from York Region District School Board (YRDSB)
- Review Original Agreement
- Financial Considerations
- Recommendations
- Questions

Request from YRDSB

- YRDSB currently only maintains one pool in entire York Region – Thornlea Pool
- Has requested Town of Markham to consider assuming full maintenance operations of Thornlea Pool, adjacent to Thornlea Secondary School

Original Agreement

- Agreement made in 1971
- YRDSB sold land to Town of Markham for \$1.00
- Town of Markham paid all construction costs for construction of a small facility including 25 metre, 6 lane pool and single gymnasium
- YRDSB performs all maintenance and assumes all facility related costs, then bills Town of Markham

Original Agreement

- YRDSB has use Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm
- Town of Markham has use Monday to Friday from 6:00 pm to 11 pm
- Town of Markham has use Saturdays from 8:30 am to 11pm and Sundays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Town of Markham has use during all School Break Periods, Monday to Saturday from 8:30 am to 11 pm and Sundays from 10 am to 5 pm
- *During years of operation Town of Markham has assumed more hours of operation beginning earlier in the evenings and offering early morning programs*

Original Agreement

- Town of Markham has use of facility 64.62% of the original allotted time
- YRDSB has use of facility 35.38% of the original allotted time
- Town of Markham pays YRDSB 64.62% of all associated operating and capital costs
- YRDSB covers the remaining 35,38% of all remaining operating and capital costs
- *Town of Markham continues to pay 64.62% of all associated operating and capital costs, though currently uses closer to 70% of the available time.*

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Financial Considerations

- YRDSB currently operates on a fiscal year of Sept 1 through Aug 31. In the fiscal year ending Aug 31, 2007 the Town of Markham was billed \$323,832.51 as follows:

Item	Cost
1. Utilities	\$154,102.56
2. Supplies	\$18,805.20
3. Maintenance (including capital)	\$175,782.42
4. Salaries & Benefits	\$143,986.92
5. Miscellaneous	\$8,456.47
TOTAL	\$501,133.57
64.62% Billed to Town of Markham	\$323,832.51
35.38% Paid by YRDSB	\$177,301.06

- The Town of Markham is in a position of risk as it has no jurisdiction in how the facility is maintained but then must contribute 64.62% of all costs.

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Financial Considerations

- The Town of Markham assumes to a total operating deficit of \$309,882 (excluding any capital expenses) annually as highlighted in the table below:

Personnel Expenses	\$391,386
Non Personnel Expenses	\$277,172
Total Expenses	\$668,558
Total Revenue	(\$358,676)
NET	\$309,882

** \$240,000 of Non personnel expenses are paid to YRDSB for operating costs, excluding capital.*

- It is believed that by through efficiencies of operating multiple pools and lower wage structure, the Town of Markham could assume operations with YRDSB has a major tenant without impacting current net operating deficit

Recommendations

- THAT Council support taking over maintenance and operations of the Thornlea Pool Facility conditional upon further negotiations with YRDSB
- THAT Staff be directed to undertake negotiations with YRDSB in taking over maintenance and operations of Thornlea Pool Facility such that YRDSB are a major rental tenant of the facility contributing revenue equal to or greater than current financial contribution to the facility and that a Capital Surcharge be negotiated for YRDSB to pay annually to offset assumed capital costs to the facility
- That staff report back results of negotiations prior to any formal agreement being made

Questions