REPORT TO: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

FROM: Ron Belcourt
Director of Recreation, Parks and Properties

DATE: February 17, 2015

SUBJECT: City of Barrie Non-Resident Fee Agreement Renewal

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The non-resident fee agreement has continually been renewed since 2001.
- This agreement allows Springwater residents to access Barrie recreation services, except the marina with the same regulations and at the same rates provided to Barrie residents.
- City of Barrie has approved extension of the agreement for another four year term.
- Same terms and conditions of the current agreement which includes an increase of 3% per year.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the Director of Recreation, Parks and Properties regarding City of Barrie Non Resident Fee Agreement Renewal, dated February 17, 2015, be received; and

THAT the Mayor and Clerk execute the necessary documents to renew the Non Resident Fee Agreement with the City of Barrie for the period of March 1, 2015 to February 28, 2019.

BACKGROUND

The Township of Springwater and City of Barrie first entered into an agreement that exempts Township of Springwater residents from having to pay the non-resident fee to participate in City of Barrie programs in 2001. The non-resident fee agreement has continually been renewed since 2001.

The non-resident agreement permits Springwater residents to access Barrie recreation services, except the marina, with the same regulations and at the same rates provided to Barrie residents. In addition to the lower rate, Springwater residents are able to register once the program registration date opens which is extremely beneficial when trying to access the more popular programs such as swimming. Residents from other municipalities cannot register for programs until after a waiting period of five days which allows Springwater and Barrie residents to be “first in line”.
The City of Barrie has approved extension of the agreement for another four year term, March 1, 2015 to February 28, 2019. The extended agreement will utilize the same terms and conditions of the current agreement which includes an increase of 3% per year.

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Over the years, the Township has received nothing but positive feedback from Springwater residents, as all age groups, infants to seniors benefit from this agreement with the City of Barrie.

Please note, this agreement does not include an exemption from parking fees on Barrie’s waterfront. Paid parking was introduced recently on the Barrie waterfront and residents are issued a parking pass to enable them to park for free in certain areas. At this time, the City of Barrie is not extending the non-resident fee agreement to include free parking on the waterfront. The municipality will continue to work with the City of Barrie to see if this issue can be addressed in the near future.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

The 2015 Parks and Recreation Operating Budget has allocated $71,200 for continuation of the City of Barrie non-resident fee agreement.

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

The above initiative supports Council’s guiding principle of:

1. *Infrastructure, Financial Management & Service Delivery*

**APPROVALS**

Submitted by: Ron Belcourt, Director of Recreation, Parks and Properties  
Budget Implications Reviewed by: Jeff Schmidt CPA, CGA, BAS, Director of Finance  
Approved by: Robert Brindley, Chief Administrative Officer

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