

April 30, 2018

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***sent via email***

-and-

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**Re: Hockey Season Re-alignment**

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Please be advised that at its meeting held the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018, the Council of the Township of Selwyn passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Township of Selwyn operates two municipal arenas, originally built over 30 years ago, and has a healthy hockey community; and

Whereas the Township of Selwyn conducted a 5 year review of its Recreation Services Master Plan; and indoor recreation facilities (like the arena) register strong levels of importance through online survey responses and community input, generating an importance rating above 70%; and

Whereas the Township of Selwyn's Corporate Strategic Plan identifies the need to participate in provincial lobbying initiatives to enhance services and operational efficiencies including lobbying the Ontario Minor Hockey Association and the Ontario Women's Hockey Association for ice season re-alignment; and

Whereas the unpredictable weather patterns have created warmer temperatures in early fall resulting in astronomical hydro costs for creating and maintaining ice which has resulted in approximately a 20% increase in hydro expenses in the month of September versus January; and

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Whereas municipal staffing resources are limited when making the transition to 'winter' operations while 'summer' operations are still in effect; and

Whereas the current hockey season alignment results in many teams ending their season by January; at a point when weather conditions are more conducive to maintaining ice in a more economical fashion; and

Whereas municipalities are closing arenas throughout the Province of Ontario due to increases in operating costs and the need to repair/replace aging facilities;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Selwyn request that the Ontario Minor Hockey Association and the Ontario Women's Hockey Association consider commencing the competitive hockey season no earlier than October of each year in order to support local arenas in having more efficient, environmentally friendly and economical operations; resulting in the ability to reduce or maintain rental fees for hockey teams which will in turn keep registration costs reasonable and make hockey an accessible sport for Canadian children; and further that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to MPP Jeff Leal, the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

Should you have any questions regarding the above-noted matter, please do not hesitate to contact the office directly.

Regards,

*Tania Goncalves*

Tania Goncalves  
Deputy Clerk

cc: Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport  
MPP Jeff Leal  
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