

STAFF REPORT: Recreation Department



REPORT TO: Infrastructure and Recreation Committee
MEETING DATE: April 28, 2009
REPORT NO.: DOR 09 21
SUBJECT: Potential Minor Hockey Amalgamation
PREPARED BY: Shawn Everitt, Director of Recreation

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR 09 21 "Potential Minor Hockey Amalgamation" for information purposes.

B. Background

On April 8, 2009 the Beaver Valley Athletic Association's Hockey Executive held a vote for proceeding with talks with the Meaford Amateur Athletic Association Minor Hockey Executive to amalgamate the two Minor Hockey Associations.

The process to amalgamate the two Associations for the 2009/10 season has been discussed. However, the Ontario Minor Hockey Association has time lines for the amalgamation/ approval along with the time constraints involved to develop a new Constitution. If this amalgamation is approved, it would in all likelihood take place in the 2010/11 season.

Town Staff has met with the Municipality of Meaford Recreation Department Staff to discuss how the amalgamation will affect the two towns. Minor Hockey uses the most ice time as well as being provided with a large grant through The Blue Mountains Grant and Donation Program. Staff will be looking at options for providing guidance to the Associations in the case of the amalgamation proceeding.

Ice time use, ice rates, as well as consistency of grants from the two Towns for a new association will be discussed at the Staff level as well with the Association.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

Supporting the development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community

D. Environmental Impacts

None at this time

E. Budget Impact

None at this time

F. Attached

None at this time

Respectfully submitted,

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Signature

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