Report - Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services – September 10, 2007

Item No. 4 Waiver of Fees for Rental of Sherbrook Pool - Sherbrook Sharks Swim Club
File PR-2.10

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 19, 2007, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and submits the following to Council:

1. That the fees and charges associated with the rental of the Sherbrook Pool by the Sherbrook Sharks Swim Club for 2007 - 2008, in the amount of $19,000.00, be waived.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all the things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 19, 2007, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 10, 2007, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommended that the fees and charges associated with the rental of the Sherbrook Pool by the Sherbrook Sharks Swim Club for 2007 - 2008, in the amount of $19,000.00, be waived, and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On September 27, 2006, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and waived the fees and charges in the amount of $16,000.00, associated with the rental of the Sherbrook Pool by the Sherbrook Sharks Swim Club for 2006 - 2007.

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4 June 2007

Protection and Community Committee
City of Winnipeg

Dear Councilors

As President of the Sherbrook Sharks Swim Club Inc., I am approaching your committee to request a fee waiver for pool and staff costs at the Sherbrook Pool for our 2007-2008 swim season (September 2007 – June 2008). You will find enclosed a draft budget for the season.

As you are aware, the club has been around for the past decade, providing opportunities for neighbourhood kids to explore competitive swimming. The club operates solely through volunteer support, accounting for over 1500 hours per season. We have six volunteer coaches, some of whom have been involved with the club since its inception, coming through the ranks as swimmers and now continuing their involvement as coaches. They are all great mentors to the kids in the pool. The club is also supported by a parent board that provides leadership and fundraising support.

We've got eighteen swimmers currently, fourteen of whom are 'returning' swimmers from previous years, and four of whom are new swimmers from the pre-competitive program last year. Our pre-competitive program this year has six new swimmers.

Sherbrook Sharks Swim Club is a community swim club that introduces the sport to children who, for various reasons (e.g. culture, social & economic reasons), would have not been able to access a competitive swimming program. Without the support of council over the past number of years, this valuable program would not have been able to exist.

The coaches, children and their parents join me in thanking you for your contribution to the Sherbrook Sharks. You have made a difference by supporting our program in these past years and we look forward to another exciting season in 2007-2008.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Jones-Ryan
President

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Draft Budget 2007-2008

Expenses	
Pool Rental (10 months @ approximately $1,900 per month)	$19,000.00
Swim Meets (12 meets @ approximately $500 per meet)	6,000.00
Competitive Registration Fees (25 children @ $100 each)	2,500.00
Pre-competitive Fees (15 children @ $15 each)	225.00
Special Out-of-town Swim Meets (approximately 8 per year)	6,000.00
Administration (Office supplies, postage, etc.)	500.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES	$34,225.00

Income	
Swimmer registration fees	$3450.00
Swim-a-thon	800.00
Tag Day	1,500.00
Chocolate bar sales	1,500.00
Private Donations	1,000.00
Pool Rental Waiver **	19,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME	$27,250.00

**Pending approval of City Council

Please note that all totals are estimated and vary from year to year.