

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 24, 2021
TO: Committee of the Whole
FROM: Ken T. Kelly, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Designate a Representative for Cost Sharing Negotiations

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommended Motion 1:

THAT, Committee of the Whole choose a representative or representatives to attend the cost sharing financial discussions.

Recommended Motion 2

THAT, Committee of the Whole recommend Council appoint the representative(s) to attend meetings with Beckwith and Carleton Place representatives for the purposes of negotiating an acceptable payment for the 2021 recreation and pool cost sharing services of the Joint Recreation Cost Sharing Agreement.

AND THAT, Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to direct staff to inform Carleton Place of the representative.

AND THAT, Committee of the Whole recommend that Council discuss in a closed session at its September 7, 2021 meeting the terms and parameters upon which the representative(s) can negotiate.

BACKGROUND:

The discussion of the appropriate level of financial support for the services that have been historically provided through the Howard Allan Agreement has not been resolved. At the June 15, 2021 meeting of Council it adopted a resolution to provide payment to the Town of Carleton Place for recreation and pool services (excluding library) as follows:

Resolution No 116-21

Moved by Councillor Dalgity

Seconded by Councillor Holmes

Motion #1a) Recreation (excluding Library)

THAT Council approve the 2% increase on the 2020 budget allocations in the cost sharing agreement for recreation and pool services as proposed by the Town of Carleton Place for 2021.

YAS (7): Mayor Lowry, Deputy Mayor Minnille, Councillor Dalgity, Councillor Maydan, Councillor Holmes, Councillor Guerard, and Councillor Ferguson

CARRIED (7 to 0)

At a subsequent meeting of the Joint Recreation Cost Sharing Committee held June 23, 2021 the Town of Carleton Place stated that it will not accept this proposed payment arrangement from Mississippi Mills. Beckwith had not provided a proposed or preferred payment arrangement.

On August 9, 2021 we received a letter from the Town of Carleton Place rejecting the proposal and asking that Mississippi Mills Council designate a representative to participate in further discussions. They would like to know if the Municipality of Mississippi Mills will be participating in further discussions by Friday September 17, 2021.

DISCUSSION:

Staff recommend that Council appoint a representative to the meet and discuss the cost implications that the Town of Carleton Place believe are driving the budget increases and how best these pressures can be managed.

Furthermore, Council needs to provide direction either specifically or through the 2022 budget process with regards to continued participation in the recreation cost sharing agreement. Council needs to understand the implications of withdrawal from the cost sharing agreement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Mississippi Mills 2021 Budget for Cost Sharing included the following approved expenditures which are a 3% increase over the 2020 budget. The alternate invoicing proposal included a 2% increase over the 2020 budgeted amount.

TABLE 2 – Mississippi Mills 2021 Budget information Cost Sharing

	2021	2020	\$	%	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Description	Budget	Budget	Change	Change	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
CP Pool	29,685.00	28,821.00	864.00	3%	28,821.00	22,922.00	21,537.00	17,839.00	17,323.00
CP Recreation	62,870.00	61,037.00	1,833.00	3%	61,037.00	53,318.00	49,667.00	45,546.00	41,186.00
	92,555.00	89,858.00	2,697.00	3%	89,858.00	76,240.00	71,204.00	63,385.00	58,509.00

On December 7, 2020 the Town of Carleton Place proposed the budget for 2021 which included an increase from \$61,037 to \$90,674 for recreation and pool services which is a 49% increase over 2020.

The financial impacts for the Municipality of Mississippi Mills range from a proposed \$2,697 or 3% increase to \$29,637 or 49% increase.

SUMMARY:

Staff recommend that Council appoint a representative to the meet and discuss the cost implications that the Town of Carleton Place believe are driving the budget increases and best to resolve the current impasse.

Respectfully submitted by,



Ken T. Kelly,
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter from MM to Carleton Place June 16, 2021
2. Letter from Cp to MM, August 9, 2021