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Staff Report CAO2020-062

Title of Report: Southgate CAO Update

Department: Administration

Council Date: October 7, 2020

Council Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report CAO2020-062 as information; and **That** Council approve staff continuing to work with JunCtian Community Initiatives as a community partner and service provider to support specifically youth newcomers to our community and to help us be a welcoming community by providing space to deliver their services and programs in Municipal and SEGCHC facilities.

Background:

The CAO is providing this report as an update of COVID-19 impacts, business restart planning, important information, decisions, and actions taken by staff in the last 30 days.

Staff Comments:

Southgate's Municipal Business Phase C Opening Update

The Southgate Restart Phase C brought more staff into the Municipal Office on September 21, 2020. The concern with the Phase C restart is the present increase over the last 2 weeks in number of COVID cases that is causing the second wave provincially. If this second wave continues it will impact us considering any Phase D plans and could require us to roll back on Phase C operations if we see new guidance, restrictions and regulations imposed by the Province of Ontario. Related to our present operations in the Municipal Office, outside worker cohorts, the Library, municipal facility rentals and the operations at the Arena related to ice rentals/public access we are reassessing on a weekly basis to ensure the safety of our employees and the public.

Grey County Mask By-law Status

The original plan was in working with the Grey Bruce Health Unit was that the County of Grey would create and approve a masking by-law. After further discussion they are not going to proceed at the Grey and Bruce councils at this time with this by-law. The considerations around implementation were becoming very complex. For now, Dr. Arra will continue to provide direction and take action as he has throughout the pandemic related to masking guidance and compliance.

JunCtian Community Initiative

Southgate staff have been meeting with the JunCtian Community Initiative President Joan John and her Directors since the CIP meeting a couple of weeks ago.

Earlier in this Council meeting you will have heard their presentation. SEGCHC, and Southgate Recreation staff as well as HR and the CAO met virtually with members of the JunCtian Community Initiatives (JCI) group. We have also toured buildings in Dundalk with Joan John to see what could work for JCI and Southgate.

This is the link to the JCI website for more information.

www.junctianci.com

Southgate staff see JCI as a valued community partner that can assist with a variety programs and be an advisor to support youth, business, social and community challenges. Staff would like to proceed with developing a relationship with, providing community spaces to and the delivery of programs with JunCtian Community Initiatives group. We see JCI as an experienced group of people who will bring to this community different perspectives we need to hear, that are willing to take action and want to establish roots in our community.

Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership (LIP)

Is an organization that supports planning for the needs of newcomers to help them establish roots in a community. LIP also provides training for host community members to improve attitudes, receptivity and Cultural Awareness of the newcomers to ensure integration takes place and they feel welcomed in our community.

A copy of the meeting notes from the Grey Bruce LIP meeting notes (Attachment #1) from September 15, 2020 event are included in this staff report. Kayla Best attended this meeting as the CAO had a conflict with this meeting. Staff feel this is a very important and timely partnership for Southgate to be involved in because of the increase in newcomers to Southgate at the present time. We need to do everything we can to make them feel welcome and want to be involved in our community. I have also included the meeting presentation slides for the Grey Bruce LIP introduction (Attachment #2) and the YMCA document on Settlement and Language Services (Attachment #3) they provide in the region.

South Grey Minor Hockey & Arena Ice Update

Southgate staff (CAO & Facilities Manager) have met virtually with South Grey Minor Hockey Association. Most recently we met on September 29, 2020 to discuss their registrations number, hours of ice time they require in Dundalk, OMHA approval of South Grey Minor Hockey Operating Plan, Dundalk Arena Protocols for dressing rooms/stands/ice surface, insurance coverage to manage risk, Dundalk start date of November 6 or 7, 2020, ice use in April, 2021 if conditions improve and the plan should addition COVID restriction are imposed with a worsening second pandemic wave.

The South Grey Minor Hockey Association is at 65% enrollment and only needs about 13 hour of ice time per week in Dundalk. They also have to finalize and submit to OMHA for approval of their return to play plan. They will be looking to Flesherton Arena for additional ice time between Thanksgiving and November 6 or 7, 2020 when the Dundalk ice is ready to go.

The Dundalk Arena plant will be turned on November 1st, 2020 for ice being ready on November 6 or 7, 2020 for use. Prior to that the Facilities Manger and Minor Hockey will be working together to increase change room spaces by using bleacher space installing curtains to provide isolation and rubber mates to protect skates. This will allow for a plan with extra change spaces in the arena will allow users to come in one door, be assess/screened, proceed to assigned change room area, participate on the ice, return to change room and leave through another building exit. This will allow arena staff to keep number between 6 to 8 per change room based on space and enough time for cleaning and fogging of spaces to allow some idle time for air turnover.

Financial Impact or Long-Term Implications

There is no financial impact to the municipality as a result of this report.

Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:

This report has been written and presented to Council to communicate accurate information to the public.

Goal 3 - Promoting Health Services and Housing Choices

Action 3: The residents and businesses of Southgate envision a caring community which meets the needs of all ages and incomes for a healthy and comfortable life, even as our population grows and changes.

Strategic Initiatives 3-B (2019-2023): The Township will have been a significant advocate for and contributor to a new and expanded South East Grey Community Health Centre clinic in Southgate.

Strategic Initiatives 3-C (2019-2023): The Township will have worked with the County, Public Health, Police, and other agencies to develop a profile of the Southgate population in 10-15 years time, and to develop a shared image of the health, housing, and social support services that will be required by that time.

Concluding Comments

1. That Council receive staff report CAO2020-0062 as information.
2. That Council direct staff to continue to work with JunCtian Community Initiatives as an organization in the Community to support youth and help Southgate with newcomer integration in the Village of Dundalk.

Respectfully Submitted,

CAO approval: Original Signed By

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- Attachment 1 – Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership Meeting Notes
from September 15, 2020
- Attachment 2 – Grey Bruce Local Immigration Partnership presentation
- Attachment 3 – YMCA presentation on Settlement & Language Services