

Administrative Report



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Title: Prescott-Russell Autism Group – Free Hall Request

Report Number: RL-16-2024

Date: 2024-11-15

Supporting Documents: n/a

Submitted By: Jenna Huisman, Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation(s)

That Council acknowledges the reception of administrative report RL-16-2024; and

Consider waving the rental fee of \$135.60.

Recommandation(s)

Que le Conseil accuse réception du rapport administratif RL-16-2024; et

Considère de retirer les frais de location de 135,60 \$.

Objective

The Prescott-Russell Autism Group has requested that the \$135.60 fee for the 3-hour Gym rental located in 750 Principale on December 15, 2024 from 1pm-4pm be waved to alleviate costs associated with the community holiday event.

Analysis

The Prescott-Russell Autism Group, a registered charity, seeks to foster the integration of autistic individuals in the Prescott-Russell region through programs that enhance personal growth, social integration, and self-reliance. Their mission includes providing daily care advice, vocational training, and social development opportunities, empowering individuals with autism to lead more independent lives. As part of their ongoing community efforts, they aim to organize a Christmas celebration for their members, creating a joyous and inclusive event. This exemption would enable the charity to allocate more funds toward gifts and refreshments for attendees, enhancing the quality of the celebration. Granting the hall rental fee waiver would directly support their goal of providing a memorable community gathering, reinforcing their mission to serve and integrate individuals with autism in the region.

The current Hall Rental Policy (R8) provides one automatic free hall rental per year for community-oriented, registered non-profit organizations based in Casselman. While the Prescott-Russell Autism Group is not based in Casselman, it does offer services throughout the Prescott-Russell area. If Council approves the request, the administration will consider amending the policy during its next update.

Financial Impact

Details	Approved Budget	Actual expenses to this date	Projected Expenses for this project	Variance
Prescott-Russell Autism Group Christmas Event	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$136.60 loss revenue

The decision to waive the \$135.60 rental fee represents an unfavorable variance in potential hall rental revenue. While this amount would typically contribute to the municipality's operating budget, the variance is offset by the broader community benefits.

References

2024-2028 Strategic Plan

- Community Well-being: Encourage community groups to organize events and activities that improve overall health and foster social cohesion
- Service Excellence: Streamline communications to promote stakeholder engagement and demonstrate inclusivity and accessibility

Other Options

Council could deny the request.

Approval

Yves Morrisette, Chief Administrative Officer

