



**Subject: Scouts Canada Lease Agreement**

**To: Council**

**From: Corporate Services Department**

Report Number: 2023-157

Meeting Date: August 15, 2023

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**Recommendation:**

That Corporate Services Department Report 2023-157 be received; and

That the Mayor and City Clerk be directed to execute the lease agreement attached as Appendix A.

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**Purpose:**

This report proposes the City renew a lease with Scouts Canada to continue providing space for a Scouts camp ("DayHondaLahQuah") in the Centennial-Cedar Bay park area of the City of Port Colborne.

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**Background:**

Scouts Canada has leased the property from the City since 1980. The original lease between the City of Port Colborne District Boy Scouts was established June 13, 1980.

Through the years there have been multiple extensions and amendments. The last agreement ended December 31, 2021. At that time Scouts Canada identified they would not be renewing the lease. Since then, local Scout members have worked with Scouts Canada and Scouts Canada is once again requesting a lease for camp DayHondaLahQuah at Centennial-Cedar Bay.

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**Discussion:**

The City has worked with Scouts Canada to update the lease agreement as attached in Appendix A.

The agreement has been updated to ensure the leased space remains in active use, the space can be shared with similar organizations, and only the land actually used by Scouts Canada is included in the lease.

The agreement continues to require Scouts Canada to put the land back to its original, natural conditions should Scouts Canada ever cease operations/terminate/not-renew the lease at the identified property.

This agreement was developed by the City's solicitors with guidance from the City's insurance company.

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**Internal Consultations:**

This project is a collaboration between Corporate Services and Public Works.

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**Financial Implications:**

This agreement does not commit the City to any funding to Scouts Canada or Port Colborne Scouts.

Scouts Canada will pay the City \$1 annually for the lease.

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**Public Engagement:**

Staff have worked with Scouts Canada and local Port Colborne Scouts.

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**Strategic Plan Alignment:**

The initiative contained within this report supports the following pillar(s) of the strategic plan:

- Welcoming, Livable, Healthy Community
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**Conclusion:**

That the Mayor and Clerk be directed to execute the lease agreement attached as Appendix A.

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**Appendices:**

- a. Scouts Canada Lease Agreement
- b. By-Law

Respectfully submitted,

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**Report Approval:**

All reports reviewed and approved by the Department Director and also the City Treasurer when relevant. Final review and approval by the Chief Administrative Officer.