



Boys & Girls Clubs
of Kawartha Lakes

Mayor Andy Letham and Council
City of Kawartha Lakes
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March 22, 2017

Dear Mayor Letham and Council:

On behalf of our Board and Membership, I am writing to request relief from providing securities on the construction related to our site plan (File #: D19-18-061). This project involves the development of the Club's eight acre grounds and 70,000 square foot facility into a community hub that will provide increased fitness and sport, family support, child care and child and youth mental health services to Club members and other residents. Our organization understands the need for City Staff to secure such work as a general rule but we believe that this project is an initiative that differs in several ways. These are listed below.

Risk to the City: This project does not represent a high risk to the City. The Club only moves forward with construction when funding has been received. The work being done is already funded so there is less risk that the Club would default on work agreed to in the site plan. No building permits are going to be provided until the site plan is final so the City will be able to inspect all the work to ensure it is done correctly. The Club also has a vested interest because most of the work is on our property and we want the best possible facilities to be available to our members, local residents and visitors to the community. We have a good track record of providing safe, secure environments for users.

Nature of the Project: As a local not for profit charity, the Club is undertaking this project for the betterment of it's members who are City residents and for the use of all residents when the facilities are not being used by the Club. The new facilities will include a Basketball Complex, a Beach Volleyball Complex, a Skateboard Park, a Multi-Sport Play Field, a Splash Pad and a Youth Centre. The facilities will also attract visitors to the community thereby creating new economic benefits for the local business community. We are not developing the property for profit or personal gain.

Partnership Between the City and the Club: There has been a long standing partnership between us on initiatives including sports and recreation, child care, economic development, transportation and other community initiatives. This project will benefit Club members and their families, residents and the business community by increasing physical health, self-esteem, community pride and will boost the economy by attracting visitors to the community. This direct enhancement to the quality of life in the City differentiates the project from other for-profit ventures.

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Funding Model: The project has been funded through grants and individual and corporate donations exclusively. No taxpayer funds have been expended. This approach has led to \$3.156M being generated for this community project. However, all this funding has guidelines and funds must be expended as they are received for the most part. They are also usually directed to a certain aspect of the project. Unlike a developer, the Club does not have matching funds with which to provide securities. We would also like to avoid interest costs that a Letter of Credit would create in order to spend as much as possible on the project itself. To date, the Club has paid over \$40,000 in development costs for this project to the City.

Boys and Girls Club Community Benefits: As an organization that serves over 8,000 children and youth and their families in 10 communities in the City, the Club impacts a large portion of the population of our City. Club programs provide opportunities to develop the skills and knowledge participants need to reach their full potential. Services include sports and fitness, feeding/nutrition supports, academic/employment supports, child care, child/youth/family mental health supports and community outreach. Our programs encourage healthy living, personal growth, learning, and community involvement. Many municipalities provide these services without the service partnership the Club provides. The Club is a willing partner to ensure these services are available throughout the City.

The Club employs over 120 paid staff and provides volunteer opportunities for 150 additional individuals creating an annual economic impact of over \$3M in the community.

Community Hub: The Club's facility and grounds at 107 Lindsay Street is a Community Hub that houses the Community Living Adult Employment program, the Lindsay Gymnastics Club and a Section 23 Classroom operated in partnership with the Club Chimo Youth and Family Services and the Trillium Lakelands Board of Education. As a result of the site work we are doing now, it will also be the home of Chimo's program and administration offices in fall 2017. Many other community groups use our space for meetings, workshops, sports and other activities that contribute to the vitality of the community.

We also bring people together at schools, community centres, parks and other facilities in 9 rural communities throughout the City. These include Bobcaygeon, Coboconk, Dunsford, Fenelon Falls, Kirkfield, Little Britain, Manvers, Omemee and Woodville.

We will anxiously await your decision on this request. It is our hope to move forward as soon as possible on this important community project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Scott Robertson
Executive Director

