



Council Report

Report Number:	PR2024-006
Meeting Date:	June 25, 2024
Title:	Nimigon Park Board Request for Permission to serve Alcohol in Nimigon Park
Description:	Requesting approval for utilization of park outside of permitted uses.
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Recommendation(s):

That Report PR2024-006, Nimigon Park Board Request for Council Permission to Serve Alcohol in Nimigon Park, be received;

That a one-time exemption to Section 1.1 of Policy CP2019-005, Alcohol Management on Municipal Premises, be approved to grant the use of Nimigon Park by the Nimigon Park and Pontypool Community Centre Fundraising Committee for the Nimigon Park and Pontypool Community Centre Fundraiser Event on July 7, 2024.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

The Nimigon Park and Pontypool Community Centre Fundraising committee submitted a Municipal Event Application for a fundraising event at Nimigon Park that includes a dance on July 7, 2024. This report has been prepared to advise Council of the request to serve alcohol during the dance in Nimigon Park.

Council Policy, CP2019-005 Alcohol Management on Municipal Premises (Appendix A), does not designate Nimigon Park as an eligible location for obtaining a Special Occasion Permit in Section 1.01. Authority for granting this request lies with Council;

1. Eligible Facilities and Areas

- A Special Occasion Permit (SOP) is required for all events held in and/or on municipal premises where alcohol is being served and where a Catering Endorsement or other alcohol sales license authorizing the sale and service of alcohol for consumption on that premises is not in effect.
- A Public SOP may be issued by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) to organizations or events meeting the requirements below:
 - A. A Not-for-profit organization.
 - B. Hold a current restaurant/caterer license that allows for Special Occasion Permits.
 - C. Qualify as a Municipally Significant Event as declared by Council.
 - A one time, annual or infrequently occurring event that is open to the public, has a predetermined opening and closing date and time and which:
 - Has a local, regional, national or international historical or cultural significance,
 - Builds awareness of diverse cultures, or
 - Benefits the community at large.

1.1 The following is a list of eligible facilities:

- A. All Municipal Arenas including related Community Halls

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- B. All Municipal Community Recreation Centres/Halls
- C. The Lindsay Branch Library
- D. City Hall and all Service Centres
- The following is a list of additional eligible facilities:
 - A. Bolsover Community Centre Park
 - B. Burnt River Community Centre Park
 - C. Cameron Park
 - D. Carden Community Centre Park
 - E. Coboconk Legion Park
 - F. Dalton Community Centre Park
 - G. Emily Omemee Community Centre Park
 - H. Fenelon Township Community Centre Park
 - I. Janetville Park
 - J. Little Britain Community Centre Park
 - K. Logie St. Park
 - L. Memorial Park
 - M. Oakwood Community Centre Park
 - N. Old Mill Park
 - O. Ops Community Centre Park
 - P. Palestine Community Centre Park
 - Q. Russ Baptiste Park
 - R. Tommy Anderson Park
 - S. Victoria Park
 - T. Ward Park

- U. Wilson Fields (East/West)
- V. Woodville Baseball Park

- 1.02 A SOP authorizes individuals to serve beverages containing alcohol during an occasion that is judged unique or does not occur on a regular basis. Recognizing that it is possible for any number of individual SOP's to be granted to different permit holders for the same facility, the City reserves the right to refuse an applicant permission to run a licensed event on its property.
- 1.03 Notwithstanding Article 1.01, Council may authorize an event on city-owned properties not outlined within this article, but only through permission of Council.

Rationale:

Staff can confirm that the various approvals and permissions required for this event (SOP, etc.) will be the responsibility of the organizing group and will be adhered to. Staff are also confident that the organizing group will be a responsible user of the park and the events planned are within the scope of Council Policy, CP2019-005 Alcohol Management on Municipal Premises, and By-Law 2006-147, a By-Law to Regulate Public Parks and Facilities. For this reason, staff envision no concerns with granting this permission for the hosting of a dance on July 7, 2024 as part of the fundraising event.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Council could choose not to authorize this event on municipal property.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

An Exceptional Quality of Life

A Vibrant and Growing Economy

Financial/Operation Impacts:

No financial impact.

Servicing Implications:

No servicing impact.

Consultations:

N/A

Attachments:

Appendix A – Alcohol Management on Municipal Premises, CP2019-005



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