TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Cynthia Beach, Commissioner, Sustainability & Growth Group
RESOURCE STAFF: Same
DATE OF MEETING: 2010-05-04
SUBJECT: 2010 Kids’ Perch Derby at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour Waiver of Fees and Charges By-law

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

For the past ten (10) years the Kingston and District Rob and Gun Club and Kingston Police have hosted a fishing derby for the youth of the Kingston community at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour. This is a fun fishing “catch and release” event which attracts in the vicinity of 800 children. In the past, the City has supported this event.

The Derby has been extremely popular and plans are in progress for the 11th derby planned for May 29th, 2010 from 10 am until 2 pm.

In order for the City to continue to support this event and partnership, it is proposed that the City waives facility related fees. There are no resources to pay the facility rental fee and the event coordinators have requested that Council waive the required fee. If fees are not waived, the event will likely have to be cancelled.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council waive the fees of $790 for the 2010 Kids’ Perch Derby at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour on May 29th, 2010 and that this be funded from the Working Fund Reserve.
AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES:

Cynthia Beach, Commissioner, Sustainability & Growth

Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer

CONSULTATION WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:

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OPTIONS/DISCUSSION:

This event has been extremely popular and plans are in progress for the 11th derby planned for May 29th, 2010 from 10 am until 2 pm. Event volunteers would require use of the facility in the evening on May 28th to set-up and on May 29th until approximately 5 pm.

The City will have 4 students and one full-time staff on duty during the event to assist with event set-up and site control. Boats located near the piers where fishing will take place will be relocated to protect the people fishing and the boats themselves.

This event offers a positive recreational experience by providing the children of the community with the opportunity to participate in a free non-competitive fishing event as well as fun activities and group social interaction. Additionally, children have the opportunity to intermingle with police in an environment that helps highlight to young people that they should feel comfortable in the presence of police if they ever need help in the future. Each participant will receive a registration gift donated from various sponsor, plus have the opportunity to win great draw prizes.

This event is coordinated by volunteers and relies entirely on donations in order to provide refreshments and prizes for participating children. Previous sponsors have included the Police Association of Ontario, Kingston Police Association, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of the Environment, Canadian Tire Corporation, Canadian National Sportsmen Show and City of Kingston’s “One Tonne Challenge Team.” A&P has provided the food for participants at the “Angler Cafe.”

EXISTING POLICY/BY LAW:

By-Law No. 2005-10 “A By-Law to Establish Fees and Charges to be Collected by the Corporation of the City of Kingston”

NOTICE PROVISIONS:

N/A

ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

A value of $790 has been calculated for access to free facility use at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour and will be funded from the Working Fund Reserve.

City staff will work with the event coordinator to explore the possibility of incorporating rental costs into their 2011 planning process.

CONTACTS:

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EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

Exhibit A – Fee Exemption Request
MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Harvey Rosen and Members of Council
From: Sergeant Carla Borel
Date: 2010-04-15
Re: Kids’ Perch Derby, May 29, 2010

As you may be aware, for the past several years the Kingston Police and the Kingston City Police Association, in conjunction with Canadian Tire Cataraqui and with the support of law enforcement partners from other police agencies in Kingston, have hosted a fishing derby for youth of our community at the Portsmouth Olympic Harbour. This is a “catch and release” fun fishing event that usually attracts approximately 800 children.

This has been an extremely popular event, and plans are under way to hold the eleventh such derby on Saturday, May 29, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It would be greatly appreciated if the standard rental fee could be waived for the usage of facilities at the Portsmouth Olympic Harbour on Saturday until approximately 5:00 p.m. and on the preceding Friday evening to allow time for set-up. This event is coordinated on a purely volunteer basis and relies on donations to provide refreshments and prizes for participating children. In other words, there are no resources to pay the standard rental fee, and the event would have to be cancelled if this fee cannot be waived.

The Kids’ Perch Derby provides an opportunity for children of our community to engage in an outdoor activity that they might not ordinarily be able to enjoy. As well, they have a chance to interact with law enforcement personnel in a setting that helps to underline to young people that they should feel comfortable with approaching police if they ever need help in the future.

Should any other details be required with respect to this request, I may be contacted by e-mail at cborel@kpf.ca or by telephone at 613-549-4600, extension 6242. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Carla Borel
Sergeant
2010 Kids’ Perch Derby Coordinator