



**CITY OF KINGSTON**  
**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**Report No.: 12-158**

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**TO:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**FROM:** Lanie Hurdle, Commissioner, Community Services  
**RESOURCE STAFF:** Wally Ferris, Director, Recreation & Leisure Services  
**DATE OF MEETING:** May 1, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** 2012 Kids' Perch Derby at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour  
Waiver of Fees and Charges By-Law

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

For the past twelve (12) years the Kingston and District Rod and Gun Club and the Kingston City 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. The City of Kingston has supported this event in past years.

The Perch Derby has been extremely popular and plans are in progress for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual derby planned for May 26, 2012.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Council waive the fees of \$1,096.47 (Sail Room rental \$834.03 and the Lobby Area rental \$262.44) for the 2012 Kids' Perch Derby at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour on May 26, 2012 and that this be funded from the Working Fund Reserve.

**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES:**

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER Lanie Hurdle, Commissioner, Community Services
ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer

**CONSULTATION WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:**

Cynthia Beach, <i>Sustainability &amp; Growth</i>	N/R
Denis Leger, <i>Transportation, Properties &amp; Emergency Services</i>	N/R
Jim Keech, <i>President and CEO, Utilities Kingston</i>	N/R

***(N/R indicates consultation not required)***

**OPTIONS/DISCUSSION:**

The Perch Derby has been extremely popular and plans are in progress for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual derby planned for May 26, 2012. Event volunteers require the use of the facility in the evening of May 25<sup>th</sup> to set up for the event and on May 26<sup>th</sup> for the event.

The City will have 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 temporarily 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 sponsors, 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 the City of Kingston’s “One Tonne Challenge Team”. Metro (formally A&P) has provided the food for participants at the “Angler Café”.

**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 \$1,096.47 has been calculated for access to free facility use at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour and will be funded from the Working Fund Reserve.

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**EXHIBITS ATTACHED:**  
N/A