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Inn From the Cold – Day Program Information Report to Council

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In accordance with the Procedure By-law, any member of Council may make a request to the Town Clerk that this Report be placed on an upcoming Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of an opportunity for Inn From the Cold to deliver a Day Program for vulnerable populations, Monday through Friday, from mid November, 2021 to April, 2022.

Background

Through the summer of 2021, in partnership with York Region and the Town of Newmarket, Inn From the Cold offered a day program for vulnerable members of the population. This program offered participants access to social services, food, skills training and shower access. Funding was provided by the Region, The Town of Newmarket provided the facility, and Inn From the Cold oversaw day to day operations and staffing, including cleaning of the facility.

Discussion

Inn From the Cold has been advised recently that they have received funding to again offer a similar program from mid November, 2021 to April, 2022. They have looked for a variety of locations to offer this program. The initial intention was to offer the program out of a church. However, most churches that have suitable facilities have not fully reopened to congregants. There was reluctance from these churches to offer this type of program in advance of fully welcoming back their congregants.

When a suitable location could not be found, Inn From the Cold approached the Town inquiring about use of Ray Twinney to offer the program. Staff have determined that Lounge 1, and one changeroom on Pad 1 could be offered Monday through Friday's

from mid November until April. Only a very small number of bookings would be displaced. These bookings could be accommodated in other areas of the facility.

It should be noted that this request can be accommodated this year only, as the Town and facility users are in the rebuilding stages as we emerge from the pandemic. In a normal year, this type of rental could not be accommodated without a significant reduction of service to the community.

Inn From the Cold have expressed a willingness to be responsible for full cleaning, screening, etc. As such, there would be no incremental expenses incurred by the Town.

Conclusion

With a similar arrangement as the summer program, staff will proceed with providing the space so those most vulnerable in the community are able to access vital services. Further, Inn From the Cold will be advised that as the Town resumes normal operations, it will be difficult to provide space of this nature in future years.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

Describe the Strategic Plan Linkages, such as the Community vision, Corporate mission and/or Core Values.

Consultation

Assisting with space provision aligns with Council's direction of creating a safe, welcoming and diverse community.

Human Resource Considerations

None.

Budget Impact

None.

Attachments

None.

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Approval

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