



RECREATION SERVICES MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN, AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

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RE: ANNUAL DOCS ON ICE FUNDRAISING HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2017

The purpose of this Memorandum is to advise members of Council that as motion 17-G-083 directed City staff to look at the opportunity for the City of Barrie to host the Docs on Ice Annual Fundraising Hockey Tournament.

The Hockey Tournament is a three day event that is held at the end of March or beginning of April on an annual basis. It is a charity tournament that doctors participate in and below is a short description of the tournament from their website:

“Docs on Ice is an annual fundraising doctor’s hockey tournament that began in 1983. The tournament affirms the principals of charity, camaraderie, and sportsmanship inspired by the memory of the late hockey player and Urologist Dr. Peter Howes. The first tournament was held in Peterborough with 8 teams. Docs on Ice has grown over the last 35 years to include more than 800 physicians and 100 medical students, with 56 teams in 11 divisions from across Ontario and Quebec. Docs on Ice is hosted by a different city each year to bring doctors together to play hockey and to give back to the community by raising money and awareness for local charity. The tournament is run by physicians and volunteers to raise money through donations, sponsorship, registration fees, and special events. It is attended by high profile celebrities, including NHL players and alumni, media personnel, and television personalities. All proceeds go directly to charity. To date, Docs on Ice has raised over \$1 million dollars for charity.” (Docs on Ice website)

Staff have been in contact with representatives from the local physicians group to investigate the feasibility for the City of Barrie to host the tournament. One of the criteria is that area doctors must represent the City to submit the bid. Therefore staff are working with Dr. Stu Murdock, Dr. Paul Wilson and Dr. Scott Good who are the “Captains” of Barrie area doctors’ teams, to review all the requirements to host the tournament. Staff have also found out that the next available hosting opportunity for this tournament is 2022, and that all bids for 2022 need to be submitted in April of 2018.

Over the next few months, Recreation Services, the Creative Economy and other City departments, will work with Barrie’s area team captains to evaluate whether the City of Barrie is in the position to submit a bid to host the tournament in 2022, and will report back to Council in Q1 of 2018.