



**Subject: Tillsonburg Tri-County Agricultural Society request to relocate demolition derby pit**

**Report Number:** RCP 24-037

Department: Recreation, Culture and Parks Department

Submitted by: Andrea Greenway, Acting Director of Recreation, Culture & Parks

Meeting Type: Special Council Meeting

Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024

**RECOMMENDATION**

- A. THAT report RCP 24-037 titled “Tillsonburg Tri-County Agricultural Society request to relocate demolition derby pit” be received as information; and
- B. THAT Council approves the relocation of the Derby Pit to the East side of Memorial Park behind the baseball diamonds; and
- C. THAT Council approves the Tillsonburg Tri-County Agricultural Society performing the work required for the move at no cost to the Town.

**BACKGROUND**

The Tillsonburg Fair, put on by the Tillsonburg Tri-County Agricultural Society, runs from August 16-18, 2024. The Tillsonburg Fair is one of the Town’s showcase annual events, providing residents and visitors with a long-standing place to gather and partake in all the things that fairs traditionally offer. The fair is celebrating their 170<sup>th</sup> year in 2024. The event draws visitors both locally and regionally, showcasing all that the Town has to offer.

**DISCUSSION**

The Town of Tillsonburg and the Tillsonburg Tri-County Agricultural Society have an agreement (by-law No. 2284) that requires Town approval on all major repairs or improvements and on all capital improvements.

The Tillsonburg Fair Board has requested permission to relocate the site of the demolition derby pit to the eastern section of the former race track that is accessed by the lane that runs between the two ball diamonds. Staff have met with the Fair Board president, Rosemary Dean at the site and agree that moving the demolition derby pit to the proposed location is appropriate and would provide a safer area for spectators. The relocation would not interfere with baseball operations and could also be used for overflow parking.

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Insurance companies recommend that all spectators be seated 50' back from the perimeter of a derby pit for safety reasons and this is not possible on the current location of the derby pit on the west side. The relocation would better ensure safety of spectators.

The proposed area for the demolition derby pit is shown in blue on the map below and the current area is highlighted in orange. The area will be 100' wide and 400' long.



RCP staff are in support of this request. The cost of relocation will be covered by the Tillsonburg Fair Board and there will be no financial impact to the Town.

## CONSULTATION

Fair Board President, Manager of Parks and Facilities

## FINANCIAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

No financial implications are associated with this report.

## CORPORATE GOALS

How does this report support the corporate goals identified in the Community Strategic Plan?

- Lifestyle and amenities
- Customer service, communication and engagement
- Business attraction, retention and expansion

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- Community growth
- Connectivity and transportation
- Not Applicable

Does this report relate to a specific strategic direction or project identified in the Community Strategic Plan? Please indicate section number and/or any priority projects identified in the plan.

**Goal** – Within the community, Tillsonburg will strive to offer residents the amenities, services and attractions they require to enjoy balanced lifestyles.

**Strategic Direction** – Increase opportunities to enjoy culture, events and leisure activities in Tillsonburg.

**Priority Project** – N/A

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

By-Law 2284 – Tri-county fair board agreement – Nov. 1984

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