

	Report Title	Rowing Club Storage Access
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RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives Report RCP 19-14 Rowing Club Storage Access;

AND THAT Council authorizes staff to work with the Rowing Club to provide them access to the boat storage area for the 2019 season;

AND THAT the cost of the Designated Substances Survey and any work required to establish and temporarily maintain safe access to the boat storage be funded from reserves, up to a maximum of \$10,000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During budget deliberations, Council decided that no repairs would be done to the Summer Place/Rowing Club facility, and that the funds in the draft budget for that purpose were to be used for demolition and restoration of the site, pending consultation with advisory committees and other stakeholders about the future of the facility. While that consultation is taking place, the Rowing Club would like to continue with their 2019 summer program, so they will need to be able to access the boat storage area of the building. This report requests that Council authorize a portion of the funds designated for demolition costs to pay for work to seal off the portion of the building that contains mold so that the Rowing Club can safely access the boat storage.

BACKGROUND

Rowing has been part of the activities on and around Lake Lisgar for many, many years. The Tillsonburg Rowing Club has been part of that activity and wants to continue to use the Lake for their sport. Their 2019 Season starts in April and the Club needs access to their equipment and the lakeside storage provided in the Summer Place/Rowing Club. Council's decision not to proceed with repairs to the existing building has placed the Club's existence in jeopardy. As presented in their delegation to Council on March 11, without access to the lakeside storage, neither their adult nor youth program is feasible.

It is possible to achieve a temporary solution in a relatively low-cost manner by sealing off the boathouse from the rest of the building and ensuring that any mold spores in the boathouse have been cleaned up. The mold study has identified that the mold is not growing in the actual boathouse portion of the building, but airborne spores were present there so some abatement

will be required. Rowing Club members will be able to continue to run their program until a permanent solution is arrived at. If the Town is not prepared to make this temporary fix, the Club has requested that the Town provide alternative lakeside storage and retrieve the Club's equipment from the building. The most practical approach to this issue is to make it possible for the Club to continue to use the boathouse portion of the building.

FINANCIAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

The 2019 budget includes \$60,400 for demolition of the site. This amount was based on an estimated demolition cost for the building of between \$31,200 and \$60,400. This report recommends using a portion of the funds to allow the Rowing Club to continue to function.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP) IMPACT

1. Excellence in Local Government
 - ☐ Demonstrate strong leadership in Town initiatives
 - ☐ Streamline communication and effectively collaborate within local government
 - ☒ Demonstrate accountability
2. Economic Sustainability
 - ☐ Support new and existing businesses and provide a variety of employment opportunities
 - ☐ Provide diverse retail services in the downtown core
 - ☐ Provide appropriate education and training opportunities in line with Tillsonburg's economy
3. Demographic Balance
 - ☒ Make Tillsonburg an attractive place to live for youth and young professionals
 - ☐ Provide opportunities for families to thrive
 - ☐ Support the aging population and an active senior citizenship
4. Culture and Community
 - ☒ Promote Tillsonburg as a unique and welcoming community
 - ☒ Provide a variety of leisure and cultural opportunities to suit all interests
 - ☐ Improve mobility and promote environmentally sustainable living

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