



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KINCARDINE REPORT

Subject: Kincardine Farmers Market – Renewal Agreement
Director: Community Services
Manager: Recreation & Community Programs
Report Number: [Report Number]
Meeting Date: Monday, May 15, 2023

Recommendation:

THAT Committee of the Whole recommend that Council approve of the Staff recommendation to enter into an agreement with the Kincardine Farmers Market Association for the lease of certain lands located at Connaught Park.

Date to be considered by Council: Monday, May 15, 2023

Report Summary:

In June 2022, the Municipality of Kincardine entered into an agreement with the Kincardine Farmers Market for the operation of the Saturday Farmers Markets at Connaught Park. This agreement was developed to formalize the historic verbal arrangements made between the Municipality and the Association for purposes of insurance and understanding the commitment for both parties. The previous agreement was on the terms of a one-season agreement that commenced on June 20th and ended on October 10th. The intent to review following the 2022 season to ensure that the content within the agreement was still relevant. Staff are recommending that the Municipality of Kincardine enter into a lease agreement for a term of five (5) years with this established arrangement with the Association.

Origin: Previous agreement expiration.

Existing Policy: By-law No. 2022-115

Background/Analysis:

As stated within the previous report brought to Council (CP-2022-05: Kincardine Farmers Market), staff have reviewed the agreement with the Association

Operator to ensure that the content within is still relevant. There are no noted major changes that would impact the Municipality in any way.

Staff see the Kincardine Farmers Market as a value and asset to the community as it carries on the tradition of selling farm-fresh produce, locally raised meat, and fresh baked goods for the past 17 years. The Association Operator has reviewed the agreement and has no concerns and Grey Bruce Public Health has indicated they have no concerns with the operation.

Agreement Summary Points:

- The Kincardine Farmers Market Association shall operate a Farmers Market from the last Saturday in May to the second Saturday in October of each year, up until the ending date of October 14, 2028.
- There shall be no cost for rent of the premises.
- The Association can rent spaces for up to fifteen (15) vendors.
- The Association is responsible for maintaining the premises in a neat, clean and orderly condition at all times.
- The Association is not permitted to allow vendors participating in the Market to sell any illegal goods or carry on with any illegal activities under their knowledge.
- The Association is responsible for retaining and maintaining the proper insurance as set out within the Agreement.
- The Municipality will be responsible for ensuring that the premise is prepared for the season prior to the start of each operating month (May) and for maintenance and repair costs.

Integrated Strategy 2020 – 2025:

ED#3: Increase tourism marketing and product development to leverage community assets and attract tourists.

Financial Implications:

At this time there is no identified financial implications associated with entering into this agreement.

Attachments:

1. Kincardine Farmers Market – Agreement_FINAL

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