



**Title:** Community Outdoor Ice Rink Pilot Program  
**Report Number:** PWCS2021-106  
**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, December 07, 2021  
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### **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

1. That Council approve the Community Outdoor Rink Pilot Program as outlined in this report.
2. That Council approve \$5000 from the Municipal land & Building Reserve Fund for supplies and utility expenses to outfit the Community Outdoor Ice Rink

### **REPORT:**

#### **Community Outdoor Ice Rink**

The City of Thorold in partnership with Rolling Meadows Niagara have developed an Outdoor Ice Rink Pilot Project to help encourage members of the community to enjoy the outdoors for the upcoming season.

The City and Rolling Meadows Niagara will build, operate and maintain an outdoor ice rink. Outdoor ice rinks are driven by the community, help build civic pride, and promote healthy lifestyles.

All members of the community are welcome to enjoy the outdoor ice rink when open. Rink availability is weather dependent and may change frequently.

#### **The Build**

Rolling Meadows Niagara has offered to supply material and in-kind services to fabricate a 100' x 100' layout for a community ice rink. The rink will be located near the intersection of Barker Parkway and Honey Crisp Way in the Rolling Meadows Subdivision.

The City will provide seating, hockey nets, and snow fencing. Staff will clear and maintain the rink surface once complete.

- All community members have free and equal access to the outdoor ice rink.

- Staff are responsible for acquiring and storing equipment and materials required to build, operate and maintain the outdoor ice rink, including tarps, shovels, scrapers and water
- Staff are responsible for keeping the park and outdoor ice rink clean and safe by picking up debris and garbage and identifying and removing hazards quickly to reduce chance of injury.
- The City will waive permit fees for the Community Outdoor Ice Rink.
- In consultation with our insurance provider, the City will provide appropriate signage with a “use at own risk” approach.
- The City will remove the outdoor ice rink at the completion of the season and make the area safe.

The outdoor ice rink location was selected based on the following criteria:

- a reasonably flat surface
- sufficient lighting
- access for emergency vehicles
- adequate parking.

Sale of food and drinks will be prohibited at the outdoor ice rink.

The City of Thorold will store materials required to build, operate and maintain the outdoor ice rink.

The season begins on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on March 15<sup>th</sup>, weather dependent.

All materials used to build, operate, and maintain the ice rinks will be removed from the park by end of March.

Anticipated Costs	
Signage	\$1000.00
Water fees	\$1500.00
In Kind services (topsoil, hay, sod, plastic sheeting, shovels, hoses & Staff time)	\$2500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5000.00</b>

## **BUDGETARY STATUS:**

\$5000 per outdoor ice rink, funded from the Municipal Land & Building Reserve.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Vibrant, Inclusive Neighbourhoods

**CANADIAN CONTENT:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

N/A

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