

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL INFORMATION ITEM

Committee: Committee of the Whole – Administration & Operations

Date: May 8, 2023

Department: Recreation & Facilities

Topic: Bait – Fuel Fishing Derby Update

Background: At the regular council meeting of November 28th, 2022, Council heard a presentation from Tom Hooper, a member of the Basstion Consulting group, about wanting to run one of their 5 single day Bass Fishing Derby's in the Township on Saturday August 26th.

Staff met with Mr. Hooper and another member of his executive on Tuesday April 25th at Legion Park to review logistics for that day. At this time, 65 anglers are participating in the event. Below are some items that were reviewed:

Parking: The areas that would be used for the truck & trailer parking were viewed (former arena parking lot and second ball diamond). A small shuttle bus will take the anglers down to the boats in the morning and bring them back after weight in is completed. Boat launching begins around 5:15 am and completed by 7 am.

Weight in It was determined that the best location to setup would be just east of the canteen building. The process would be to use the fishing dock to give the anglers their bags, then they would pull up to the dock beside to exit their boat and walk to the weigh in tent. During the afternoon weigh in time from 3 pm – 5 pm, the Township would block access from the pavilion parking lot to the canteen so the general public could also have a closer viewing.

Staffing: The Basstion Consulting group will have 6 people for the day. There will be 4-5 township staff throughout the day at various times and locations to assist with vehicle parking and weigh in time. The shuttle bus would be used for the anglers in the morning and then again at the end of the day.

Boat Launch: The boat launch area would be closed to the general public in the morning from 5 am – 7:30 am and again at the end of the day 4 pm – 6 pm to allow the anglers to launch and remove their boats. During the rest of the day the boat launch would be available as normal, staff will post on social media and also down at the site in advance to give users advanced notice.

The main boat launch parking lot area would be used that day for the local residents.

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Facilities Manager