



TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL INFORMATION ITEM

Committee: Committee of the Whole – Public Works, Environmental Services, Facilities

Date: May 17, 2021

Department: Recreation / Facilities

Topic: Canteen Extended Hours

Background:

The waterfront canteen is scheduled to reopen on June 11th for the summer season. The normal hours are 4:00pm- 7:30pm for weekdays and 11:30am-7:30pm on weekends.

At the April 19th COW meeting, staff presented a report that outlined the cost of extending the hours of operation as requested by council for the entire week. Staff was asked to bring back a report that outlined a plan to potentially extend the hours on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to be the same as the weekend hours. This would result in an additional 13.5 hours of operation per week.

There was some discussion around just extending the hours for the first month to perform a cost/benefit analysis. However, there is more value in operating consistent hours throughout the entire season so potential patrons know when the canteen is open and a better cost/benefit analysis can be performed.

Extending the canteen hours to open for 11:30am on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday would require staff to be onsite from 11:00am until 8:00pm.

This would increase the wage expense line by \$4,200.00. Half of this unbudgeted expense could be offset by the COVID safe restart funding received through the Province.

Historically less revenue is received during the weekdays when compared to weekends.

The increase in proposed service level, may require a transfer from reserves to cover the unbudgeted additional operating costs

Committee should also consider that COVID-19 has also offered some unique challenges for local businesses. Local eateries such as the Cardinal Deli, Scorpion Restaurant and Nicki's Restaurant have been forced to close or modify their hours due to lockdown restrictions. There is also a chip wagon proposed in Cardinal this summer

season that may be located near Highway 2. Opening our waterfront canteen for longer hours would put us in direct competition with local businesses who are already struggling and with those who are just starting out.



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