



Report to Council

Department: Community Services

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Subject: New Year's Town Sponsored Events

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Recommendation(s)/Conclusion(s)

The following two (2) recommendations are provided for the Council's consideration:

1. That Community Services Report 2019-040 entitled "New Year's Town Sponsored Events" **be received**, and further
2. That Council **supports** the Town sponsored New Year's events which include free public skating sessions on December 31, 2019 at both the Essex Centre Sports Complex from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM and the Harrow and Colchester South Community Centre from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and a free public swim session at the Essex Recreation Complex on January 1, 2020 from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM.

Purpose

To promote three Town sponsored family orientated New Year's events at Town facilities.

Background

Council has approved Town sponsored free public skating sessions on New Year's Eve and the free public swim session on New Year's Day for the last fourteen years. These events allow families options for a safe and "family oriented" experience for New Year's.

In 2019, the Harrow Chamber will again be holding their annual New Year's Eve Countdown event at the Harrow Arena and the Town will be partnering with the Harrow Chamber to promote the free skating times at the Harrow Arena on New Year's Eve.

Financial Impact

To offer the three Town of Essex sponsored New Year's events there is a cost for staffing. At each of the free skates on New Year's Eve, the Town provides two skate patrols and one rink operator for a total cost of \$250. per rink. For the free swim on the New Year's Day, the Town provides lifeguards and a desk staff for a total cost of \$250.

Link to Strategic Priorities

This report contributes to the strategic value:

- Create a safe, friendly and inclusive community which encourages healthy, active living for people of all ages and abilities.

Reviewed by:

Chris Nepszy, Chief Administrative Officer

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Jeffery Morrison, Director of Corporate Services

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