



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

INTRODUCTION DATE: December 9, 2024

SUBJECT: Request for a staff report regarding potential use of school gym space

CONSIDERATION DATE: December 9, 2024

MOVED BY: Councillor Khalqi

SECONDED BY: Councillor Ali

WHEREAS the gym space offered by the local school boards provides an important complementary alternative to the gym space provided directly by the Town;

AND WHEREAS the users of gym space for recreational purposes include a variety of individuals and user groups, ranging in the extent of time required, administrative capacity and ability to pay;

AND WHEREAS utilization of the gym space provided by the school boards may include custodial fees for weekend use that are in addition to the hourly rental fees;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THAT staff be directed to prepare a report for Council that will evaluate the potential for a Milton Community Sports Access Initiative. The report should evaluate the alternatives that may be available to enhance the partnerships with the School Boards in order to increase the utilization of school gym space. The report should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Identification of any potential underutilized gym times and consideration for the demand for space by various user types (community groups, leagues, individual users, etc.)
- Review of various incentive and discount options (off-peak, bulk booking, etc.)
- Consideration for Town subsidization of School Board Fees, including eligibility requirements and the potential for varying levels of financial support;

- Identification of any potential sponsorship programs via private businesses or grant programs via the Provincial or Federal governments that may be available to reduce costs for residents;
- Consideration of the administrative and operational implications of the alternatives assessed, including identification of any opportunities that may promote expanded gym space utilization (example - booking system enhancements);
- Review of peer municipalities, including identification of any similar existing programs;
- Consideration for utilizing a pilot program to introduce any changes.

AND THAT staff consult with the local school boards in the development of the report, and that a report to Council on the matter be presented by June 2025.