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**Subject:** Lease Renewal for the Oshawa Bocce Club

Dear Ms. Laura Davis,

As per our recent telephone conversation and as spokesperson for the Oshawa Bocce Club, I would like to come in front of Council.

I have been requesting this for several years (before our lease expired, before Covid) but was not granted that, not even through zoom.

Months before the elections, I asked to have a meeting with the Mayor, and with several calls and excuses we were not granted that either.

Several years of communicating with different staff members, and councilors and still no progress we ran out of patience. Therefore, I will make this last attempt (if it is granted).

Our position at the Oshawa Bocce Club is as follows:

Several decades ago, we gave our word to the City that we would continue to run the Club in the same manner. **It is Grandfathered in.** We have co-operated and supplied all requested information over and over, but we are not making any progress.

Therefore, our last attempt to make this work is as follows:

We will continue to run the Club as in the past and are willing to pay the City \$2000.00 (two thousand dollars) per year for the lease and all other coverages will be as it was.

It seems that staff did not calculate the time, effort and money that the Oshawa Bocce Club spends to maintain and run it successfully.

If this is not acceptable, please tell us now, and staff may run it. What we did in the past is as follows:

1. Cutting the grass once or twice per week
2. Preparing flower beds and flower pots
3. Trimmed bushes overgrowing inside the fenced area
4. Buying the flowers, planting, fertilize, water, weed etc. to maintain properly on a regular basis
5. Maintain the pathways (inside bocce land) clean of debris
6. Sift the "sand" to use the fine screen one only

7. Rake the courts, level them and re-apply fine sand every Monday
8. Water with sprinkler evenly and roll the 6 courts on Monday, Wednesday and on tournament days
9. Keep the shed in the north end clean and neat
10. Controlling the water and electrical panel to be working at all times
11. Cleaning and maintaining the south building in working order
12. Having "pest control" in the premises on a regular basis to keep it rodent free (in the beginning we had rats the size of a cat)
13. The toilets: cleaning them and disinfecting daily and stocking supplies etc.
  - the soap, toilet paper, hand towel and all cleaning supplies as needed
14. Regular maintenance of the sprinkler system
15. Professionally winterize sprinkler system in the fall
16. Removing all garbage from the enclosed area at all time
17. Organizing and maintaining a members list
18. Organizing a schedule for the league (men and ladies)

(if a team was rained out on league night, it has to be played on another day)

19. Organize a yearly picnic and other 'pot luck' functions
20. Organize the celebration of the season opening
21. Order the trophies for the winning teams at the end of the season
22. Organize a dinner and dance event to celebrate the players and give out the awards
23. Through the season we have regular meetings
24. At year end we have a general meeting usually held at the Oshawa Italian Club (we pay for the use of the facilities)

These are some of the things we did in the past, and would like to continue to support the community.

All of this takes time and money. We are volunteers, but.....Our time is also valuable.

Therefore, in conclusion, we need an answer now. From the Mayor, councilors, staff or whoever is in charge that can give us a definite answer.

We keep it as is OR we are ready to vacate the premises, YOU run it, and if it is done in a satisfactory way, we will purchase a membership.

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