

To: Community and Operations Services Committee

From: Kevin Alexander, Commissioner,  
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Report Number: CO-24-56

Date of Report: November 13, 2024

Date of Meeting: November 18, 2024

Subject: Future Use of the Bocce Courts in Radio Park

Ward: Ward 4

File: 03-05

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## **1.0 Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to obtain direction from Council regarding the future use of the Bocce Courts in Radio Park.

## **2.0 Recommendation**

That the Community and Operations Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That based on Report CO-24-56 dated November 13, 2024 concerning the future use of the Bocce Courts in Radio Park:

1. That staff continue to promote and permit the use of the Bocce Courts through the Facility Booking Office; and,
2. That staff investigate opportunities for Oshawa Senior Community Centres 55+ to utilize the Bocce Courts in Radio Park for recreational programming.

## **3.0 Input From Other Sources**

- Finance Services
- Legal Services
- Legislative Services
- Parks and Roads Operation Services
- Planning Services

## **4.0 Analysis**

### **4.1 Background**

Radio Park (“the Park”) is located at 200 Grenfell Street and is a 4.24 hectare tract of land. The Park contains six (6) bocce courts (“the Courts”), one (1) baseball diamond, two (2) tennis courts and four (4) pickleball courts.

The Courts were constructed in 1986 with input from local bocce players. The Oshawa Bocce Club (“the Club”) was formed and commenced utilizing the Courts by way of the permitting process. Initially, the Courts were shared use. The Club had permitted access during specific hours Monday to Sunday and the courts were open to the public during the remaining hours.

In May 2002, the Club entered into a lease agreement (“2002 Lease”) with the City for a 10-year term. A lease agreement with the City was a pre-requisite to the Club being eligible to apply to the Trillium Foundation in 2002 for a grant to cover costs associated with court repairs, drainage improvements and new bocce lanes.

On July 13, 2005, the 2002 Lease between the City and the Club was amended to permit the installation of a 90 square metre (968 sq. ft.) building to facilitate the operational and storage needs of the Club, and to extend the original term of the 2002 Lease from ten (10) years to seventeen (17) years, effective from June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2020.

Since the expiry of the 2002 Lease, the City and the Club have not entered into a new lease agreement. The Courts are available to the general public for permitted use through the Facility Booking Office.

### **4.2 Use of the Courts**

The Courts are available for rent as of the third Monday in April to the last day in October, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. The Courts may be used for casual play, league play and/or tournament play.

In 2024, Parks Services staff completed renovations to the facility including re-grading the Courts, replacing timber and replacing interlocking stones.

During the 2024 season, the Facility Booking Office received two inquiries regarding permit applications for use of the Courts. However, neither of these inquiries resulted in a permit being issued.

The Oshawa Senior Community Centres 55+ (“OSCC55+”) currently utilizes outdoor City-owned facilities such as Lakefront West and North Oshawa Park for recreational activities such as slo-pitch and tennis by way of the permitting process administered by the Facility Booking Office.

The availability of the Courts at Radio Park is an opportunity for OSCC55+ to expand their outdoor recreational activities to include the sport of bocce.

## 5.0 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report. The operating costs associated with the Courts has already been captured in the 2025 Operating Budget.

## 6.0 Relationship to the Oshawa Strategic Plan

This report responds to the Oshawa Strategic Plan Priority Area "Care: Safe and Sustainable Environment" with the goal to provide and maintain recreational outdoor spaces, parks, and trails.



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