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Since 1948, Oshawa N.A.S.C Softball has successfully organized recreational softball for youth, up to age 21. We are a grassroots program supporting all softball/fastball, slo-pitch, and umpire programs in Durham Region. Our purpose is to provide a wholesome softball environment for recreational softball players, coaches, parents, and officials where all children can feel part of a team and our softball community. Players of all skill level, from no experience and up, are welcome to join our league.

For many years, we have operated as a sub-committee of the Oshawa Central Council of Neighbourhood Associations (OCCNA) and made use of Oshawa's great Park system. We are a not-for-profit league; we have been successful in part due to the support we have received from the City Of Oshawa and the great recreational facilities provided by the city. It has provided an opportunity to bring a sense of community to the neighbourhoods surrounding the parks, getting families out to the great parks the City of Oshawa provides, while also promoting the rental and use of the clubhouses at the Parks.

In recent years, many families in our community have found it increasingly difficult to handle the increasing costs of necessities and have had to consider sacrificing non-necessities like youth sports to get by financially. Even in the area of youth sports, most options for youth have increased in cost to the point it is becoming unattainable for some families. We risk the youth of Oshawa having fewer opportunities to participate in character building team sports, healthy outdoor activity, while also socializing in a safe environment,

As a committee operated 100% by volunteers, many of us on the committee have players in the league, or have had players in the league and we understand the struggle faced by families during these tighter economic times. As a committee, we've made it our goal to keep our registration costs as low as possible and avoid any fee increases, and we have been successful in doing so for the last 5 years. Our goal is to keep registration costs at a level accessible to all youth in Oshawa. We could not have achieved this goal without the support of the City of Oshawa, and their great park system operated by the OCCNA,

Added to our goal of keeping costs down, is our goal to provide as much value as we can provide to our players in our programs, stretching every bit of our budget to provide as much activity as we can for the kids. For our youngest divisions, ranging from ages 4-8, from those just starting, to those ready for the next level, we host a year end Youth Festival. We have bouncy castles, dunk tanks, carnival games, mini golf, and other games, along with a great barbecue meal for the players. Last years Festival was a huge success with the players, and was talked about long after the event, and players are already asking about this years coming Festival.

As for so many seasons before, we could not have put on this level of event for the children without the support of the City of Oshawa, The City has provided, for our use at the Festival. Picnic tables, garbage cans, guardrails, stanchions, and snow fencing, at no cost to our league.

We were recently informed that there would now be significant fees charged to our Not-for-profit youth softball league for the services and materials provided by the City of Oshawa. We were also informed that the deadline to request waiving of these fees had passed. As we are a not for profit and stretching every dollar of our budget to the maximum, the additional ~\$2500.00 in costs would drastically affect the event and reduce the amount of activities for the children to enjoy, and fun they could have with the additional support from the City of Oshawa.

This is a formal request to The City of Oshawa, to consider the waiving of these fees for the Oshawa N.A.S.C Softball Youth Festival. We value the support of the City over the past 77 years in bringing organized Youth Softball to our community and promoting a sense of community with the Park system in Oshawa. We thank you in advance for the continued support.

Kind Regards.

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