

Community and Operations Services Committee – November 10, 2025

Volt Hockey Recreation Program (All Wards)

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

Whereas at its meeting of March 25, 2024, Council referred the following recommendation concerning the Volt Hockey Recreation Program to staff:

“That the City investigate starting a recreation program for Volt Hockey, a newly adopted sport for the disability community, played on a city gym or court using specially designed hockey sport chairs, played as a three vs. three game with chairs that are battery operated and controlled with a joystick.”; and,

Whereas City staff visited Variety Village to observe Volt Hockey games and practices to gain a comprehensive understanding of the operational space and equipment requirements to successfully deliver the program in Oshawa; and,

Whereas an agency agreement was established with Variety - the Children’s Charity of Ontario for the provision of Volt Hockey carts, staff training, and ongoing maintenance support; and,

Whereas selected Staff received specialized training from Variety - the Children’s Charity of Ontario to ensure the safe and effective delivery of the program; and,

Whereas the City successfully secured the EnAbling Change Program grant from the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility, Government of Ontario for \$48,871.31, which provided funding to support staffing and resources, ensuring the launch of Volt Hockey as a free and accessible program for participants; and,

Whereas the EnAbling Change grant allowed registrants to participate in Volt Hockey at no cost during Fall 2024, Winter 2025, and Spring 2025, removing financial barriers to engagement; and,

Whereas in Fall 2025 the program transitioned into a fee-for-service registered program in accordance with Fees and Charges By-law 109-2024, as amended; and,

Whereas caregiver feedback highlighted the positive impact of Volt Hockey on participant inclusion, independence, and confidence, particularly for children and youth who previously had limited opportunities to engage in organized sport;

Therefore, be it resolved that based on Item CO-25-54 dated November 10, 2025:

1. That Council formally recognizes the successful implementation of Volt Hockey as an inclusive adaptive recreation sport program, supported by community

partnerships, grant funding, and sustained through fee-for-service operations; and,

2. That the City continue offering Volt Hockey, contingent upon an active agency agreement with Variety – the Children’s Charity of Ontario, including but not limited to:
 - the supply and maintenance of all program equipment by Variety – the Children’s Charity of Ontario
 - compliance with the Canadian Standards Association
 - compliance with the Electrical Safety Authority