

Mayor and Members of Council

Jan 31, 2019

On behalf of Five Fun Days, I would like to request delegation status at your next upcoming council agenda.

Five Fun Days is a day camp run every summer for a week for children from Grades 1-8 in the community of North Middlesex. We have an enrollment of 150 kids each summer, which serves over 80 families. Our camp has been serving this community for over 30 years and is run by a group of approximately 70 volunteers, which includes approximately 35-40 youth. We are associated with Grace Bible Chapel in Parkhill, although we run the camp strictly on the funds brought in by the registration from the campers. Over the last few years, we have also received a donation from the Lions Club and a donation from the Municipality for the use of the arena for our camp.

We have been receiving support from the municipality since 2015, by a donation of the use of the arena, goal post and ball diamond areas.

The arena has been such a great place for us to hold this camp. It offers us the space needed for the campers, as well as enough space for our staff. The space on the arena floor allows us to meet for music and story time, along with having enough space for us to set up tables and chairs for both children and staff to eat lunch, keeping all staff and campers out of the sun and elements for this portion of the day. The 2 ball diamonds are used for the morning games, giving us the ability to safely separate the campers into 2 groups for age appropriate activities and games and keeps the children safe in the fenced off areas. The goal post serves as the perfect place for our staff meetings, which are run both at the start and end of our day. This facility has been a true asset to our camp and staff alike.

Our goal is to keep registration low to keep it accessible for all families. The donation of the use of the arena for this camp allows us to keep our fees low and our program quality high.

I realize I have missed the deadline to apply for the grant. I did contact the office when I realized I missed the deadline. I am hoping that with the longevity of this program and the benefit it offers to the community that an exception could be granted. We are asking for the donation of the use of the arena building and ball diamond area.

Thank you in advance for considering our camp as a part of your program budget.

Sincerely,

Ben and Kim Willemse

Directors of Five Fun Days