

Russell Township briefs

Give kids a break

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Russell Township council thinks it may be better to put inflation in the back seat and give local youth a break where it concerns increasing user fees for some recreation facilities.

During its May 3 special session council reviewed for approval a resolution to have staff amend the rental and allocation policy for recreation facilities where ball diamonds are concerned.

Council noted that the actual increase for rental fees this year for youth and minor baseball groups for ball fields could vary from 22 per cent to as high as 63 per cent, allowing for inflation and other factors.

"Council wishes to continue to promote a healthy lifestyle in our community, including youth in sport," the council resolution states.

So council's resolution is to have administration staff adjust the rental and allocation policy to limit the rate increase for ball diamond rentals to five per cent over the previous rates prior to last year's policy resolution. The amendment should also allow for reimbursing any youth sports clubs who have already paid their contract fees.

Boat dock budget wrapped

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RUSSELL TOWNSHIP

Just in time for the summer boating season, Russell Township has a plan for finishing up the proposed dock/boat launch project for the Castor River.

During a special May 3 session council reviewed a report from the public works and parks and recreation department on a proposal from the South Nation Conservation Authority (SNC) for finishing up the boat dock project.

For \$9500 SNC expects it can do the engineering design required and install six concrete launch pads, supply, build and install a dock by July. The township has an agreement with a private landowner for space to develop a parking area for the boat launch, and neighbouring property owners have been notified of the project.

New floor in future for rec centre

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The past few years of community dances and other events have taken their toll on the floor at the Embrun Community Centre. Council thinks it is time to put some new wood down.

A report from the public works, parks and recreation department presented council with four bids from contractors in the region for replacing the flooring at the community centre depending. The bids were based on three options for the refurbishing from simple removal of the existing hardwood top to removal and replacement of same with either Duraplank flooring or new hardwood flooring featuring a mix of maple, oak or birch wood planking.

The plan is to have the new flooring installed before the start of fall.