

ADOPTED by Council at its meeting held December 5, 2011 [M359-2011]

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Windsor, Ontario December 5, 2011

REPORT NO. 20 of the
PUBLIC SAFETY STANDING COMMITTEE
of its meeting held November 16, 2011

Present: **Councillor Jones, Chair**
 Councillor Dilkens
 Councillor Gignac
 Councillor Maghnieh

Regrets: **Councillor Payne**

That the following recommendation of the Public Safety Standing Committee **BE APPROVED** as follows:

Moved by Councillor Dilkens, seconded by Councillor Gignac

That the request of the South Windsor Figure Skating Club ("the Club") to install a jump harness at the South Windsor Recreation Complex ("the Complex") **BE APPROVED**, subject to all costs and risks being born by the Club; and further that the Chief Administrative Officer and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute an agreement with the Club satisfactory in form to the City Solicitor and in technical content by the Executive Director of Recreation and Culture; and

That the City Solicitor **BE DIRECTED** to draft an amending by-law to amend the Delegation of Authority By-law, being by-law 208-2008, as previously amended, by inserting a new sub-paragraph 4(b) which grants to the Chief Administrative Officer, or designate the authority:

(b) *to authorize the execution of agreements permitting installation of jump harnesses in City arenas which are at the sole risk and cost of the requesting party, subject to approval as to form by the City Solicitor, and in technical content by the Executive Director of Recreation.*

Carried.

Clerk's Note: The report dated October 19, 2011 titled "Figure Skating Jump Harness - South Windsor Recreation Complex" is **attached** as background information.

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR.
Public Safety Standing Committee- Administrative Report**

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MISSION STATEMENT:

"The City of Windsor, with the involvement of its citizens, will deliver effective and responsive municipal services, and will mobilize innovative community partnerships"

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To: **Public Safety Standing-Committee**

Subject: **Figure Skating Jump Harness - South Windsor Recreation Complex**

1. RECOMMENDATION: City Wide:___ Ward(s): 1

That the request of the South Windsor Figure Skating Club ("the Club") to install a jump harness at the South Windsor Recreation Complex ("the Complex") **BE APPROVED**, subject to all costs and risks being born by the Club; and further that the Chief Administrative Officer and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute an agreement with the Club satisfactory in form to the City Solicitor and in technical content by the Executive Director of Recreation and Culture.

And that the City Solicitor **BE DIRECTED** to draft an amending by-law to amend the Delegation of Authority By-law, being by-law 208-2008, as previously amended, by inserting a new sub-section 4(b) which grants to the Chief Administrative Officer the authority:

- (b) to authorize the execution of agreements permitting installation of jump harnesses in City arenas which are at the sole risk and cost of the requesting party, subject to the approval as to form by the City Solicitor, and in technical content by the Executive Director of Recreation.

2. BACKGROUND:

The Club is a not-for-profit organization which has been teaching figure skating and learn to skate programs in Windsor for over 25 years. The Club is based out of the Complex and it rents approximately 26.5 hours per week from September to March, and is currently looking to expand its programs by offering a Spring program in April 2012.

3. DISCUSSION:

The Club has approached the City of Windsor to have a skating jump harness installed at the Complex to provide its skaters a proper teaching tool that will offer a safer and easier way to teach jumps. The jump harness is a common teaching tool used by a number of figure skating clubs across the country as it allows the coach to control the height of the jump, while still allowing a safe and controlled landing for the skater. The harness itself allows the skater to still move freely and with more confidence to try new jumps and spins in a safe environment.

The jump-harness system would be clamped to the existing roof beams and would run along the width of the rink (see attached diagram). LP Meyer Consulting has been on site to review the proposed location of the harness and it has determined that attaching the harness system to the current beam structure does not affect the structural integrity.

The jump harness would be the property of the Club and it would be responsible for installation, as well as all inspections and maintenance of the equipment. When the harness is not in use, the Club would be responsible for ensuring the harness is locked off to the side of the rink.

The installation of jump harnesses at arenas are becoming more popular, and it is expected that going forward, skating groups may request that a similar jump harness be installed in other City rinks. Provided that the obligations between the parties not change, and no new risks are anticipated, it is recommended that the CAO be delegated the authority to approve all future agreements for the installation of a jump harness, by amending the Delegation of Authority By-law 208-2008.

4. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The Club would be responsible to cover all costs associated with the skating jump harness which would include the purchase of the equipment, engineering fees, insurance costs, installation and removal, annual inspections and any future repairs or replacement costs.

5. RISK ANALYSIS:

There are inherent risks with the installation and use of a jump harness. With any physical activity, a skater could injure him/herself in practicing on the harness. There is also a risk that the harness, if improperly installed or not maintained could come loose or break, resulting in injury to a skater. To minimize these risks, the Agreement will place the obligation onto the Club to ensure that proper installation and maintenance takes place, and that use of the jump harness is at the risk of the Club and its members.

The Agreement will also place the obligation onto the Club to ensure that the presence of the harness does not interfere with the other uses or users of the rink. To minimize risk to the City, the Agreement will stipulate that the harness will only be permitted for use by the Club and its members, during their designated ice time, and that the Club is responsible for ensuring that the harness is not accessible for use by others. Moreover, if the City becomes aware that the harness is being used by, or is accessible to others, the City will have authority to take immediate steps to remove the harness from being accessible, and will not be responsible for any damage to the harness as a result.

There is also the risk that the installation of the harness to the current beam structure pr otherwis could result in damage to or alter City property. The Agreement will require that the Club be responsible for any damage to City property, and. that upon termination of the agreement, the City property be restored to _the conditiqn it was in at the time of entering into the Agreement.

If for any reason the presence of the jump harness at the rink is no longer desirable to either party, the Agreement will provide that either party may unilat€?rally terminate the Agreement upon 60 days notice.

To reduce the financial risk to the City associated with litigation or damage to property, the Agreement will contain provisions for the Club to indemnify and save harmless the City for all cl.aims and demands, howsoever arising, including those for bodily injury and property damage, and to provide for the appropriate insurance, satisfactory in form and content to the City's Supervisor of Risk Management.

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-- City of Windsor Risk Management **staff** have worked directly with the Club and the Complex supervisor to- help find an appropriate jump harness installer, and to provide to the Club what insurance coverage is req1,1iredto_ use the harness at_a City facility

7. CONCLUSION:

The City of Windsor recognizes the importan e of safety and reducing risk in City facilities. Allowing a jump harness to be installed, the City will be providi a safer environment for figure skaters to practice difficult moves.

**City Solicitor and Corporate Leader
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Cable to N installed the width of the rink on one end **between-the** dots (or as close as possible) Both clamps should be installed either above the boards (plexiglass wall) or just outside _boards so that the rope can lie ---

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