



Delegation Request Form

I wish to appear before *

☒ Council

☐ Advisory Committee of Council

Date of Meeting *

1/23/2023



Name of Delegate(s) *

Cathy Robertson & Kathi Poupard

Address *

6480 Texas Road

Phone *

[Redacted Phone Number]

Email *

vicepresident@bryerswood.com (Cathy)

Capacity in which you will be attending *

☐ Attending as an Individual

☒ Representing a Group / Organization

Name of Group / Organization / Business *

Bryerswood Youth Camp Optimist Club

Have you contacted Administration regarding this matter? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

Who from Town Administration have you contacted? *

Elke LeBlanc

Reason(s) for Delegation Request (subject matter to be discussed). If the request is in response to an item on the agenda, please specify the item's agenda # *

Seeking Tax Relief

If your request is in response to an agenda item, are you in favour of the recommendation? If not, please provide your reasoning below

Will a powerpoint presentation be made? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

Note: An electronic copy of the PowerPoint presentation is required to be submitted to delegations@amherstburg.ca no later than 12:00 noon on the Friday before the meeting.

Please upload speaking notes and/or presentation materials - 4 Attachments Max (10MB Each) (pdf, docx, xlsx, jpg, jpeg, gif, png, tif) *

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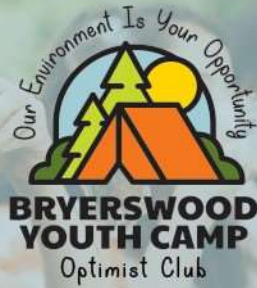


January 9 Council Delegation Speaking Notes.pdf

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Speaking Notes

Bryerswood Youth Camp is a registered charity with the Charities Directorate of the Canadian Revenue Agency. Registration #: 750233082RR0001

Bryerswood Youth Camp Optimist Club owns, operates, and maintains Bryerswood Youth Camp located at 6480 Texas Road. The camp is just over 25 acres in size.

The mission of the Club is to provide a year-round camp for youth which addresses and prevents problems faced by youth; to provide structured programs in a safe space within a supervised camp for youth and those who self-identify as females; to advance education of youth in leadership training in an outdoor environment and to protect the environment for the benefit of the public.

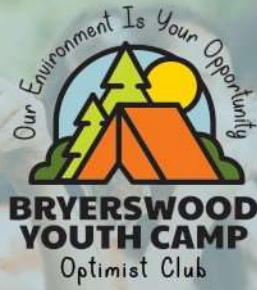
Programs provided include School Break and PD Day camps, Summer camps, Special Events such as Earth Day celebrations, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award program. We are hoping to add School Day Away programs in the future. The camp facilities are also used by youth groups both during the week and on weekends.

Being a Not for Profit, volunteer led organization we rely on fundraising, sponsorships, and donations to help us own, operate and maintain the camp. We do our best to keep our user fees affordable to all. As well, we provide sponsorships to children who may not be able to afford to attend camp otherwise.

We are currently fundraising to keep Bryerswood Youth Camp in local hands so that this hidden gem remains available for all children of the community.

The purchase of the camp by Bryerswood Youth Camp Optimist Club closed on October 29, 2021. This sale created a property review by MPAC. At the end of November 2022, we received notice that the camp property would be put in the Residential tax category and the Town of Amherstburg then issued a tax bill, effective from the closing date. This was a surprise for us, but we paid the bill before we were able to attend Council as a delegation.

The funds required to pay this bill are really detrimental to our operating as a Not for Profit charity.



We are here tonight seeking Relief from Property taxes.

From 1992 to October 29, 2021, the camp property was exempt from property taxes and we asking that this exemption be continued for Bryerswood Youth Camp Optimist Club.

Thank you.