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| TO: | CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 5, 2019 |
| FROM: | CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK |
| SUBJECT | CITY OF LONDON DAYS AT THE BUDWEISER GARDENS – SHOWDOWN IN THE DOWNTOWN |

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| RECOMMENDATION |
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That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the request from London Health Sciences Centre to hold the Showdown in the Downtown – Knock Out Kidney Disease on September 26, 2020, BE APPROVED as a City of London Day at the Budweiser Gardens; it being noted that four days remain for 2020, with no other requests pending.

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| PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER |
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None

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| BACKGROUND |
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The City of London agreement with the London Civic Centre (LP) provides for five community days annually for community use at the Budweiser Gardens. The agreement makes the following provisions:

“The Landlord and the Tenant acknowledge and agree that each of them shall permit the City to have exclusive use of the Project (excluding areas over which the London Knights or other subtenants or licensees have exclusive possession) on five (5) days in each calendar year on sixty (60) days’ notice prior to the Tenant and the Landlord on an entirely rent-free basis, except as set out in this subsection, for the purpose of community events which are primarily “not for profit” in nature, on dates which do not conflict or compete with events previously arranged or booked by the Tenant for the Project. The City shall be entitled to all ticket revenue and any revenue generated by special concession at such events, and all other revenue normally derived from the Project, such as from the food and beverage facilities, shall be included in Gross Revenue. The City shall pay for all out-of-pocket direct costs incurred by the Tenant for such occasion, such as the costs of staffing, security, janitorial and maintenance services. However, the City shall not be required to pay costs that the Tenant would have incurred anyway even if the City’s event had not been held. For these purposes, “community events” means events which are primarily for civic purposes, high school, university or college sports and events, celebrations or charity events and shall include without limitation, high school and college graduations, community banquets and receptions and speaker programs but shall not include any events which have previously used the Project in accordance with normal rental or use arrangements”.

On behalf of the Showdown in the Downtown – Knock Out Kidney Disease, event chair Dr. Faisal Rehman, Site Chief of Medicine at London Health Sciences Centre, has submitted the attached correspondence dated October 15, 2019, requesting a “rent free” day at the Budweiser Gardens for the Showdown in the Downtown event on September 26, 2020. This event was approved for a City of London Day in 2014.

Given that four City of London Days remain to be granted, and there are no other pending requests for the use of a City of London Day at the Budweiser Gardens in 2020, the Civic Administration recommends that this request be approved.

The policy for City events at the Budweiser Gardens is attached as Appendix “A” for information purposes.

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| RECOMMENDED BY: |
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| CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK |

Attachments

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City of London Days at Budweiser Gardens Policy

Please refer to the "City of London Days at Budweiser Gardens" Council Policy on page 2 for related guidelines. Requests may be mailed to: City Clerk, PO Box 5035, London, ON, N6A 4L9 or emailed to csaunder@london.ca. Phone enquiries should be directed to the City Clerk's Office at (519) 661-2500 Ext. 4937.

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Organization information

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| Organization Name | Charitable registration number (if applicable) | Request Date (YYYYMMDD) |
| Showdown in the Downtown-Knock Out Kidney Disease | 894781475 RR0001 | 2019-10-22 |

Contact information

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| Contact name | Title |
| Francee Ender | Showdown Event Manager |
| Address | |
| 23-14 Doon Drive, London, ON N5X 3P4 | |
| Telephone number / extension | E-mail address |
| 519-641-3434 | enderf@sympatico.ca |

Event details

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| Text field - single line | Date of event (YYYYMMDD) |
| Showdown in the Downtown | 2020-09-26 |

Event description (maximum 1,000 characters, attach additional details if needed)

Showdown number twelve will take place at Bud Gardens on Saturday September 26, 2020 with an exceptional night featuring Professional Mixed Martial Arts. The evening will also include a fabulous meal as well as an amazing Silent Auction and Nash Jewellers Shopping Spree Raffle.

Showdown was held at Bud Gardens in 2014 with rent free granted which was a huge support for our charities as outlined in the attached letter.

We expect 600-620 VIP guests on floor for dinner plus additional 1,500 fight only ticket holders in bleachers after dinner.

Event eligibility

- City of London sponsored event
- Not-for-profit sporting event of provincial or national significance
- Major community-wide, not-for-profit civic event
- Major community-wide, not-for-profit charity event

Confirmations

- This event has not previously used the facility in accordance with normal rental or use arrangements
- Budweiser Gardens has confirmed that this date is available



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October 15, 2019

Dear Ms. Saunders,

My name is Dr. Faisal Rehman. I am a Nephrologist and Internal Medicine Specialist at The London Health Sciences Centre. I am the site chief of Medicine at University Hospital. I am also the Chair of a charitable organization called "Showdown in the Downtown – Knock Out Kidney Disease". We are applying to lease the Budweiser Gardens on a rent free basis for our next event on September 26, 2020.

Our committee runs an annual charity event called Showdown in the Downtown that raises money for supporting research to find better treatments for patients undergoing heart, kidney, pancreas and liver transplants as well as better options for patients with kidney failure undergoing dialysis. We have two major charities that benefit from our event; The Matthew Mailing Centre for Translational Transplant Studies and The Kidney Clinical Research Unit. Government Grants for supporting medical research have dropped to an all-time low. We feel it is imperative that the community help support our researchers in their goals to find better treatments for our neighbors, friends and families.

The numbers of Canadians awaiting solid organ transplantation far outweighs the number of available organs. Many of our patients die while on the waiting list for a solid organ transplant. We need to support research that improves accessibility for our patients on the wait list. Also, once transplanted, these organs do not last forever and many of our patients require a second or even a third organ transplant. We need to support research to find treatments that prevent acute and chronic rejection of these organs. Matthew Mailing was a young man who passed away soon after receiving a heart transplant in London. When the situation was dire and his heart transplant was not working as planned, he wanted to make sure that other patients in his situation would not go through this difficult time. When Matthew Mailing passed away in 2003 at the age of 34 from complications related to heart transplant surgery, he bequeathed one-

third of his estate to support our Multi-Organ Transplant Program. Matthew's gift became the catalyst for establishing a world-class facility in transplant studies - The Matthew Mailing Centre for Translational Transplant Studies. Led by lead investigator Dr. Anthony Jevnikar, the nearly 9,000-square-foot Mailing Centre is promoting accelerated translation of basic research in transplantation to improve patient care. Scientists and clinician-scientists have a primary interest in transplantation such as novel immunotherapy, tissue protection and advanced microsurgical techniques.

More than 2 million Canadians suffer from kidney failure or some form of kidney-related disease such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and kidney stones. Many patients with kidney disease end up requiring hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis. These treatments have improved significantly over the last several years but still negatively impact the quality of life of our patients. The Lilibeth Caberto Kidney Clinical Research Unit (KCRU) is a 4000 square foot facility located at London Health Sciences Centre. This facility is dedicated to clinical research in the quantitative health sciences. The KCRU consists of a diverse research community with people from many different academic and occupational backgrounds. Currently the KCRU coordinates over 40 local, national and international studies (clinical trials, observational studies, research synthesis, administrative database analyses, and economic evaluation). As well as having a strong local research community, the KCRU has developed an ever growing network of national and international research and healthcare connections to collaborate and share information with in order to increase knowledge of kidney health issues. The KCRU continues to move forward and grow with the hope that the efforts of research will improve the lives and health of people with kidney health issues.

As our charity has grown, we have also been able to support other great organizations helping our city such as the Unity Project which battles homelessness in London and the Mary J Wright Centre at Merrymount that helps children facing social isolation. We have donated tens of thousands of dollars to these organizations.

The Showdown in the Downtown is an annual gala event that showcases combat sports at its best. The previous events have showcased boxing, mixed martial arts, and kickboxing. We have had International Competitions between Canada and Ireland as well as Canada at The United States. One year we also featured two World Title Kickboxing matches. We have raised over 2.1 Million Dollars for our charities over the last 11 years and ALL of the money stays in London.

On September 26, 2020, we will hold a professional mixed martial arts gala event at Budweiser Garden. This year we will also add tickets at a modest \$50 for the sports only and we hope to have several thousand people from the community attend. This will be an outstanding event featuring some of the great athletes from London Ontario battling other

athletes from North America. By partnering with this event and leasing Budweiser Gardens on a “rent free basis”, you would be supporting all of our patients in London who suffer from kidney disease, those who are awaiting a solid organ transplant, our fellow citizens who are battling social isolation, homelessness and poverty,

Thank you for considering our application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Faisal Rehman". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below a horizontal line that spans the width of the signature.

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Professor of Medicine
Western University
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry



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City of London Days at the Budweiser Gardens Policy

Policy Name: City of London Days at the Budweiser Gardens Policy

Legislative History: Adopted June 13, 2017 (By-law No. CPOL.-27-223); Amended July 24, 2018 (By-law No. CPOL.-27(a)-397)

Last Review Date: February 28, 2019

Service Area Lead: City Clerk

1. Policy Statement

- 1.1 This policy establishes the general guidelines for utilization of up to five (5) City of London Days at the Budweiser Gardens for community-sponsored events on a “rent-free basis” provided the City or event sponsor pay for all direct and out-of-pocket expense incurred by the London Civic Centre Corporation.

2. Definitions

- 2.1 Not applicable.

3. Applicability

- 3.1 This policy applies to event(s) which meet the eligibility criteria set out in this policy.

4. The Policy

4.1 Eligible Events

The following types of events will be eligible:

- a) City of London-sponsored events such as opening ceremonies for sporting events and major community celebrations, which have not previously used the facility in accordance with normal rental or use arrangements.
- b) Not-for-profit sporting events which are of a provincial or national significance, including championships for high schools, colleges or universities located within the City of London, and which have not previously used the facility in accordance with normal rental or use arrangements.
- c) Major not-for-profit civic events which are celebrations or charity events of a local, community-wide nature and have a direct benefit to the London community, and which have not previously used the facility in accordance with normal rental or use arrangements.

4.2 Maximum Event Days

- a) The City is limited to five event days each year.
- b) No group can have more than one event day per year.
- c) No group can have more than two event days over a five-year consecutive period, with the exception of the annual United Way Harvest Lunch and Campaign Kick-Off, unless an exemption is approved by the Municipal Council due to unique circumstances.

4.3 Event Dates

The City of London shall provide sixty (60) days prior notice to Budweiser Gardens for use of the facility for a community-sponsored event, and the date of the event may not conflict or compete with events previously arranged or booked by Budweiser Gardens.

4.4 Requirements of User Groups

- a) The user group will be responsible for all direct and out-of-pocket expenses which are incurred.
- b) The user group will be responsible for entering into an agreement with the Budweiser Gardens for use of the facility and all obligations arising from that agreement.
- c) The user group will be responsible for all advertising, sponsorship and ticketing for the event subject to any conditions set out by the Budweiser Gardens.

4.5 City Contact

The City Clerk will be the primary contact for user groups and will be delegated responsibility to administer this policy.

4.6 Event Approval

City Council approval is required for all City of London Days at Budweiser Gardens events.