

Civic Centre Hire

TO Thames Community Board
FROM Brian Robson - Thames Community Manager
DATE 17 May 2018
SUBJECT **Civic Centre Hire**

1 Purpose of Report

This report requests that the hire fee for the Civic Centre Conference Room be waived for a public meeting to hear the Manager of the Hamilton Night Shelter speak about how local support agencies can best respond to homelessness in Thames.

2 Background

Various support organisations in Thames meet regularly to discuss a coordinated response to the homelessness issue. These meetings generally take place during the day and it is difficult to find a time during the day that suits everybody so the organisers want to try a evening meeting.

Practical actions points have been raised as a result of these meetings but progress is slow. The convenors of the meetings believe that having someone who has faced all of the challenges previously share their experiences might help get some results in Thames.

The group of support people are not a legal entity and do not have any funds to pay for hall hire.

Practical ideas for lessening the adverse impact of a growing homeless population in Thames could have social benefits for the entire community.

3 Discussion

The Thames Community Board must approve any waiver request of hall hire fees and direct staff to cover the hall hire fees from other identified budget/s.

Staff support the waiver of the Civic Centre hire fees of \$36 to support this initiative.

4 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Thames Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Civic Centre Hire' report, dated 17 May 2018.
2. Approves the payment of hire fees to the Civic Centre Conference room and approves payment of \$36 from the Thames-Community Board Discretionary Fund.