



**City of Kingston
Report to Council
Report Number 25-214**

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Lanie Hurdle, Chief Administrative Officer
Resource Staff: Amy Elgersma, Director, Recreation & Leisure Services
Date of Meeting: August 12, 2025
Subject: 2027 Memorial Cup – Intent to Bid

Council Strategic Plan Alignment:

Theme: Corporate business

Goal: See above

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's direction to issue a letter of support for the 2027 Memorial Cup bid. The Memorial Cup is the junior ice hockey national championship of the Canadian Hockey League (CHL) representing teams of the Western Hockey League (WHL), the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL), and the Ontario Hockey League (OHL), along with the host club.

The Kingston Frontenacs advised City staff on August 6th that they intend to submit a bid to host the 2027 Memorial Cup which requires a letter of support from the City by August 15, 2025. This report is time sensitive.

Recommendation:

That Council direct staff to issue a letter of support for the 2027 Memorial Cup intent to bid subject to staff finalizing plan for access to the Slush Puppie Place and INVISTA Centre.

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Authorizing Signatures:

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**Lanie Hurdle, Chief
Administrative Officer**

Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:

Paige Agnew, Commissioner, Growth & Development Services	Not required
Jennifer Campbell, Commissioner, Community Services	p.p.
Neil Carbone, Commissioner, Corporate & Emergency Services	Not required
David Fell, President & CEO, Utilities Kingston	Not required
Desirée Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer	Not required
Ian Semple, Commissioner, Transportation & Infrastructure Services	Not required

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Options/Discussion:

The Kingston Frontenacs requested a letter of support from the City of Kingston on August 6th that would form part of their intent to submit a bid to host the 2027 Memorial Cup. The Frontenacs need to submit their bid package by August 15th which needs to include a letter of support from the City of Kingston. This letter of support must include a commitment to make both Slush Puppie Place and INVISTA Centre available for the event. While Slush Puppie Place would host the event, the INVISTA Centre would be utilized as the official practice facility. Below are the key Canadian Hockey League (CHL) requirements for the practice facility:

1. Be located within 15 minutes of the host arena (Slush Puppie Place)
2. Be free of conflicting advertising in the bowl
3. Offer easy access for bus drop-offs and pick-ups
4. Provide two dedicated dressing rooms
5. Accommodate equipment storage for team practices

The 2027 Memorial Cup is scheduled from May 21st to June 7th. Staff will develop a plan to support this use and will submit the letter of support in accordance with this plan.

Two teams will be selected by the OHL/CHL to submit final bid documents in early September. At that time, the selected teams will be required to submit full bids similar to those prepared for the 2024 Memorial Cup. It is anticipated that additional City and community supports would be required as part of the full bid submission and staff would report back to City Council with more information.

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Other City of Kingston Staff Consulted:

None

Exhibits Attached:

None