

Michelle Willson, CAO  
Township of Brock  
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January 19, 2024

Dear Ms. Willson,

Re: Manilla Hall Rental, 2-hour minimum

The Brock Community Health Centre (CHC) was disappointed to hear about the new fees bylaw that requires a 2-hour minimum for rentals at the Manilla Hall. This new fees bylaw will influence our budget and the likelihood of using the Manilla Hall for our wellness programs.

Brock CHC is a charitable non-profit primary health care organization serving the residents of Brock Township and surrounding areas. For over 15 years, Brock CHC has offered health promotion, community wellness and injury prevention programs in various spaces managed by the Township of Brock, including Town Halls, Community Rooms in Community Centres, Libraries and parks. To remove financial barriers to access, our program participants attend our programs at no cost. To remove transportation barriers, we aim to offer programs in each of the Township's communities. We are committed to providing quality programming for residents in and around Brock Township, and have managed well with the hourly rental rates for community programs space.

There are elements in the Brock Recreation and Culture Plan that highlight the programs we offer and refer to Brock CHC as a key program and service provider. We have done our best to communicate with the Township's Recreation Department to ensure that there is minimal overlap of similar programming at times offered.

Brock CHC currently rents Manilla Hall to offer a 1-hour yoga session on Monday mornings to about 15-20 individuals. This space is a central location to both Cannington, Sunderland and Manilla residents.

We are hoping that you would consider granting Brock CHC an exemption from the new by-law requiring two hour booking as a minimum at the Manilla Hall. Reconsidering the application of

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this new bylaw will give us the stability to continue offering free wellness programs to our clients and residents of Brock Township within our current budget.

Thank you for considering our request and we look forward to working together with you to explore the opportunities identified in the Brock Recreation and Culture Plan, i.e., collaborating to introduce new, enhanced programs and expand existing offerings; marketing and communication strategies; and access to the Township of Brock spaces to promote inclusive approaches for residents across the municipality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet McPherson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

Janet McPherson  
Executive Director