

To Brock Township Council
Re: Manilla Hall rental fee
From: Robin Peeters

Dear Council Members,

I would like to request an exception to the new bylaw which states, the Manilla Hall must be rented for a minimum of 2 hours.

I have lived in Brock Township for my entire life, paying taxes faithfully and supporting the community in any way that I can. I have recently become the treasurer of the Manilla Hall Board and donate much more of my time than is appreciated. The programs and fundraising that we provide, benefit the reserve fund allowing this small community hall to remain active.

I have been providing yoga to the Manilla and surrounding residents at a very reasonable rate. I am also assisting BCH as coverage for senior yoga classes.

For the past 2 Christmas seasons, I have collected donations from my yoga members and delivered large boxes of food donations to the Brock food bank.

Not only has the rate doubled (with the 2 hour requirement) it has increased by 33% this year. I understand that the change was due to the cost of cleaning. I do appreciate that the facility is much cleaner as of late, but honestly, the hall does not require a cleaning after a one hour yoga class. The Kitchen is not used, the bathroom only for emergencies and everyone removes their shoes at the door. At most, the foyer will require a 5 minute sweep, which I am happy to do.

For these reasons, I ask that you grant an exception.

Thank you and kind regards,

Robin Peeters

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