

MEMO

TO: Honorable Town Board

From: Councilman Gene Hart

RE: GAA Continental Youth Championship

January 26, 2015

Please approve the Buffalo Fenians GAA application and proposal authorizing the use of the West Seneca Soccer Complex for the GAA Continental Youth Championship to be held from approximately July 24 through July 31, 2017. Approval of the use of the Soccer Complex for the Championship is contingent on the successful completion of a satisfactory rental agreement between the Buffalo Fenians and the Town of West Seneca, the providing of adequate insurance as determined by the Town, the filing of a security plan with the Chief of Police and the implementation the remaining or yet to be determined responsibilities as outlined in the Proposal provided the Town on January 21, 2015.



January 21, 2015

Town of West Seneca
1250 Union Road
West Seneca, New York 14224

Re: Hosting GAA Continental Youth Championship

Daor cairde:
Dear friends:

Please allow me to introduce you to Buffalo Fenians GAA. Buffalo Fenians GAA is an amateur Gaelic Sports entity based in Western New York. Through our volunteers, we are committed to the promotion and preservation of Gaelic Games and Irish Culture within our community. We encourage all our players, male and female, to strive for excellence.

Buffalo Fenians GAA has recently submitted an official application with the goal of being granted hosting rights of the GAA's Continental Youth Competition in 2017. A Continental Youth Competition (CYC) is an annual four day tournament encompassing Gaelic Football, Hurling, and Camogie. It began in 2004, bringing together youth teams from all across the U.S. and Canada to compete at annually rotating host areas. NYC, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, and San Francisco are some areas which have previously hosted the annual CYC.

I am delighted to inform you that our hard work, and dedication has paid off. In October 2014, the CYC Steering Committee officially designated Western New York as the host area for CYC 2017. With assistance from University at Buffalo, and Buffalo/Niagara Sports Commission, we at Buffalo Fenians GAA believe the Western New York region is a worthy choice to host the upcoming 2017 CYC.

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A big deciding factor which the CYC Steering Committee considered when choosing our area to host CYC 2017 is our access to major roadways, airports, and infrastructure. Accommodation, and entertainment on offer to our future guests was another major factor. Western New York has it all, hence the selecting of Western New York to host CYC 2017. Approximately 18,000 athletes, family members, and friends of Gaelic Games will converge into our area for up to five days. A majority of families, and friends will travel via Buffalo/Niagara International Airport. Initial estimates concerning economic impact to our local area is in the region of 5 million dollars.

The main attraction to this event is of course Gaelic Games. It is the hope of CYC 2017 Committee that our group will be afforded the opportunity to host all games at West Seneca Soccer Complex. CYC 2017 would require the use of such a facility for eight days through the end of July, 2017. Eight days is so our volunteers can setup the tournament, and allow time to breakdown for handover back to Town of West Seneca. CYC 2017 Committee must insist that hosting this event will come at **no cost** to the Town of West Seneca. CYC 2017 is funded from the GAA's Central Council, based in Ireland. All costs associated with hosting this event is the responsibility of CYC 2017.

The following points provided outlines some of the responsibilities which will be undertaken by CYC 2017 Committee:

- CYC 2017 to negotiate rental agreement with Town of West Seneca
- CYC 2017 to provide a 1 million dollar liability insurance certificate
- Satellite parking so not to congest local roadways
- Shuttle buses from hotels, and satellite parking to venue
- Medical tent to be staffed by medical professionals for entire tournament
- Security at venue throughout the tournament
- All playing fields to be marshalled by CYC 2017 volunteers
- Portable toilets throughout the venue
- Garbage collection on site daily



CYC 2017 Committee are responsible for all aspects of the CYC event. It is a great honor for Western New York to be afforded the opportunity to host the largest Gaelic Games event ever to take place outside of Ireland. CYC 2017 is a fantastic opportunity for all our neighbors, and friends in Western New York to be recognized on an international stage. Our goal is to have all our guests return to their home areas with many fond memories of CYC 2017, and of Western New York, such memories that many of them will want to return for vacations or to do business in our locality in the future.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. I will be delighted to offer as detailed presentation at any future Town of West Seneca regarding CYC 2017. Thank you all in advance for this opportunity, and for your consideration.

Mise go firinneach,
Truly yours,

/S/

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