

To: Members of the Committee of the Whole

From: Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services

Meeting Date: May 2, 2016

Subject: Report CSRS16-003

**Vision 2025 Consultant Presentation** 

## **Purpose**

A report to provide an update on the Vision 2025 project, through a presentation by the project consultant.

## Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSRS16-003 dated May 2, 2016, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

That a presentation by Mr. Robert Lockhart, from RETHINK Group, be received as an update on the Vision 2025 project – A 10-year Strategic Plan for Recreation, Parks, Arenas, and Culture.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of this report.

## **Background**

The City of Peterborough has contracted with the RETHINK Group, specialists in leisure services planning and management, to prepare a Ten Year Strategic Plan for Recreation, Parks, Arenas and Culture, known as Vision 2025.

Several community consultation activities have been undertaken, including but not limited to: ten workshops and forums, three surveys and a half dozen submissions, key informant interviews with over 50 people, a household survey, field work to assess facilities and the parks and open space system, research on how facilities are being used, trends in use and capacity for increased use, and programs and services, etc.

Altogether, approximately 2,300 people provided input. Additionally, more than one hundred groups, organizations and program providers were consulted and represent thousands of residents who participate in the full spectrum of leisure activities, and also represent a variety of culture, arts, recreation, sport, heritage and volunteer interests.

On February 23, 2016, the project consultant, Mr. Robert Lockhart from RETHINK Group presented his preliminary findings to, and received input from the following Advisory Committees: Arenas Parks & Recreation, Arts, Culture & Heritage, Peterborough Architectural Conservation, Museum & Archives, and Accessibility.

On May 2, 2016, Mr. Robert Lockhart will attend the Committee of the Whole meeting to provide an update on the Vision 2025 project.

Submitted by,

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