



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

From: Phil Jacobs, Supervisor Parks and Forestry

Meeting Date: March 20, 2018

Subject: Report APRAC18-009
New Procedure for People Found Living Rough in City Parks

Purpose

A report to introduce a presentation from the Supervisor Parks and Forestry on the new Procedure for People found living rough in City Parks.

Recommendation

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC18-009 dated March 20, 2018, of the Supervisor Parks and Forestry, as follows:

That a presentation by the Supervisor of Parks and Forestry on the new Procedure for People found living rough in City Parks be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

A procedure has been developed, in an effort to assist members of the public whose life circumstances have lead to a homelessness situation and living rough in public parks.

The procedure was developed in November of 2017, through a collaboration of the Public Works Division, the Social Services Division, the Police Department, and representatives from the Homeless Shelters.

The following summarizes the Procedure:

Someone found or reported to be camping/living in the rough (City Property) is to be reported to the Public Works Division 705-745-1386.

1. The Public Works Division will investigate the report of someone camping/living in the rough. Public Works will check on the individual's welfare and ask the person to move voluntarily. Public Works will contact the Social Services Division and ask them to visit and assist the person(s) living in the rough.
2. The Social Services Division will have a period of five calendar days to contact and supply information that would assist the person(s) living in the rough, to move to a safe and secure environment.
3. If the five calendar days pass and the person(s) living in the rough is still at the same location, the Public Works Division will serve a notice of eviction giving the person(s) living in the rough another five calendar days to vacate the location where they have set up camp.
4. If after a total of ten calendar days, and after being asked three times by City staff to move, the Public Works Division will dismantle any campsite, tents, or homemade shelter and dispose of all garbage in the City landfill. Personal belongings will be taken to the Social Services Division. The person(s) living in the rough can pick up their personal belongings from the Social Services Division.
5. All of the information reported will be recorded and kept on file by the Public Works Division. The Public Works Division will notify the Social Services Division, the City Police Department, and City Hall when a report of someone living in the rough has been initiated.

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