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**Peterborough**

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

**From:** Phil Jacobs, Supervisor - Public Works Division

**Meeting Date:** November 20, 2018

**Subject:** Report APRAC18-024  
New Needle Drop Boxes in City Parks

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## **Purpose**

A report to provide an update on the new installation of needle drop boxes in City Parks.

## **Recommendation**

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC18-024 dated November 20, 2018, of the Supervisor – Public Works, as follows:

That Report APRAC18-024 be received for information.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of report APRAC18-024.

## **Background**

Over the past year Community Groups, led by Peterborough Public Health and Peterborough Aids Resource Network (PARN) met with City staff, City Police, and O.P.P. to discuss where used needles have been found in the City, and the problems that have arisen from this. The meetings were chaired by Peterborough Public Health. In May of 2018, it was announced that PARN had received funding to purchase 5 large

needle drop boxes. PARN approached City staff to request the needle boxes be installed in strategic locations, to reduce the amount of used needles being discarded in the City parks and streets.

The Community Groups, PARN, and the Peterborough Public Health met with City Staff, City Police, and the O.P.P. to decide the best locations to install the 5 large needle drop boxes. The City will install the boxes, and PARN has agreed to enter into an agreement with the City to perform regular maintenance of the needle drop boxes and removal of all deposited used needles.

The location of the 5 large needle drop boxes will be as follows:

1. Peterborough Public Library – Bethune St. side next to building.
2. One Roof Warming Room – Brock St. side on church property.
3. Millennium Park – south of Harvey’s Restaurant, just off the trail.
4. Maria St. West green space – next to footbridge, on east side next to trail.
5. TBD – no location decided yet.

Installation of all the large needle drop boxes is expected to be complete by the end of the year. Photo of the large needle drop box is attached as Appendix “A”.

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Attachments:  
Appendix A

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Large Needle Drop Box

