



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

From: Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator

Meeting Date: February 19, 2019

Subject: Report APRAC19-001
Cyclocross National Championship Update

Purpose

A report to provide an update on the outcome of the 2018 Cyclocross National Championship, through a presentation by the Peterborough Cycling Club.

Recommendations

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC19-001 dated February 19, 2019, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That a presentation by the Peterborough Cycling Club be received, detailing the outcome of the 2018 Canadian National Cyclocross Championship, and the club's plans for the 2019 Championship; and
- b) That staff be requested to continue to assess the viability of other City-owned locations, as identified by the Peterborough Cycling Club, as alternatives to using neighbourhood parks to conduct Cyclocross clinics.

Budget and Financial Implications

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of Report APRAC19-001.

Background

The Peterborough Cycling Club (PCC) successfully bid to host the Canadian National Cyclocross Championship for 2018 and 2019. The 2018 event took place in Nicholls Oval Park in November.

Cyclocross races are held on a closed loop course approximately 3km long, located in a closed area like a large city park, and are very spectator friendly. The course typically covers various types of terrain, such as grass, asphalt, gravel, hills, sand, and mud, to ensure challenging conditions for racers. Part of the strategy in designing a course worthy of a national championship race is to use the existing geography to its fullest, and to showcase the natural beauty and historical importance of the area. Nicholls Oval Park provides a suitable terrain for such an event.

On February 19, 2019, Mr. John Hauser will attend the meeting of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, to make a presentation on behalf of the PCC, detailing the outcome of 2018 Canadian National Cyclocross Championship, and the PCC's plans for the 2019 Championship.

During the 2 months prior to the National Championship, the PCC ran several Cyclocross clinics at various locations across the City, which included neighbourhood parks. While the Club found the neighbourhood parks suitable for their clinics, Staff determined that neighbourhood park sites are not the best option for this type of activity. That determination was arrived at based on feedback from the neighbourhood residents and Staff's assessment of the wear and tear to the grounds following the clinics.

Recognizing Cyclocross is a worthwhile activity, City Staff reviewed alternative locations for the Clinics. Jackson Park has been made available as a viable alternative location to conduct the clinics, on an ongoing basis. The Club's use of the park will be subject to all requirements through the City's Park Permitting process. The approximate course layout is attached as Appendix "A". Staff is willing to assess the viability of other City-owned locations, as requested by the Peterborough Cycling Club.

Submitted by,

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Attachment:
Appendix A – course layout

Appendix A

Approximate Cyclocross Route in Jackson Park

