



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

From: Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator

Meeting Date: October 22, 2019

Subject: Report APRAC19-019
Municipal Parks and Open Space Study Final Report

Purpose

A report to present the findings and recommendations of the comprehensive Municipal Parks and Open Space Study, through a presentation by the project consultants.

Recommendations

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC19-019 dated October 22, 2019, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That a presentation by Mr. Brian Basterfield from Basterfield and Associates Inc., and Mr. Robert Lockhart from RETHINK Group be received as a final update on the Municipal Parks and Open Space Study;
- b) That the Assessment of Parks and Open Spaces document, as attached to this report as Appendix "A", and the Park Development Standards document, as attached to this report as Appendix "B" be endorsed; and
- c) That the Assessment of Parks and Open Spaces document and the Park Development Standards document be endorsed as planning tools to shape policies and influence priorities related to municipal parks and open space.

Budget and Financial Implications

There is no immediate budget or financial implication resulting from the endorsement of the recommendations of this report. The next step will be to present the draft reports to Council. Should Council adopt in principle the Parks and Open Spaces document and the Park Development Standards document, it will not commit Council to any of the recommendations or strategies contained within it.

Financial resources that will be required to support specific future projects that align with the recommendations of the Parks and Open Space Study will be considered annually by Council as part of the municipal budgeting process.

Background

Through Vision 2025, a Ten-Year Strategy for Recreation, Parks, Arenas and Culture, a need was identified to conduct a comprehensive review of the City's parks and open space system, and to establish a parks planning process.

In the 2018 Capital Budget, Council approved funding for a Parks Review and Planning Project (Budget Reference 6-1.07). As per the City's Purchasing By-Law 14-127, a Request for Proposal (RFP# P-17-18) was issued to secure a consultant to conduct the work, with a closing date of May 31, 2018. The Administrative Staff Committee awarded the RFP to Basterfield & Associates, in association with The Rethink Group, as per the recommendation of Report CSRS18-10, dated June 27, 2018.

The project was initiated in July 2018 and concluded in September 2019. The study resulted in the development of two documents, referred to as the Assessment of Parks and Open Space document and the Park Development Standards document. The documents are attached to this report as Appendix "A" and Appendix "B".

Staff is recommending the documents be endorsed by the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (APRAC) in principle and that they be used as planning tools to shape policies and influence priorities related to municipal parks and open space. To highlight the main features of the reports, the project consultants have provided an executive summary for each of the documents, which are attached to this report as Appendix "C" and Appendix "D".

Staff has invited the project consultants to attend the APRAC meeting of October 22, 2019, to make a presentation on their findings and recommendations.

Summary

Project consultants Basterfield and Associates and the RETHINK Group have concluded their work on the comprehensive Municipal Parks and Open Space Study.

The study resulted in the development of the Assessment of Parks and Open Space document and the Park Development Standards document, to be used by the City as planning tools to shape policies and influence priorities related to municipal parks and open space. On October 22, 2019, the project consultants will attend the APRAC meeting to make a presentation on their findings and recommendations.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:

Appendix A - Assessment of Parks and Open Space
Appendix B - Park Development Standards
Appendix C - Assessment of Parks and Open Space Executive Summary
Appendix D - Parks Development Standards Executive Summary