



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

From: Rob McAulay, Facility Manager Peterborough Sport & Wellness Centre

Meeting Date: January 21, 2020

Subject: Report APRAC20-001
Peterborough Athletics Concussion Awareness

Purpose

A report to inform of the Peterborough Athletics Concussion Awareness (PACA) panel, through a presentation by the PACA Coordinator, and their request to promote concussion awareness within municipal recreation facilities.

Recommendations

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC20-001, dated January 21, 2020, of the Facility Manager Peterborough Sport & Wellness Centre, as follows:

- a) That a presentation by the PACA Coordinator be received for information; and
- b) That the displaying of concussion awareness promotional material in municipal indoor and outdoor recreational facilities be endorsed, subject to Staff's discretion of suitable locations.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

Background

Rowan's Law makes it mandatory for sports organizations to ensure that athletes under 26 years of age, parents of athletes under 18, coaches, team trainers and officials confirm every year that they have reviewed Ontario's Concussion Awareness Resources. The Peterborough Athletics Concussion Awareness (PACA) panel works with local organizations to implement Rowan's Law.

PACA works to educate coaches, participants, parents, and administrators on the causes, signs, and symptoms of concussion, in addition to mobilizing and organizing the local healthcare community to facilitate consistent and timely treatment.

On January 21, 2020, the PACA Coordinator will make a presentation to the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (APRAC) to inform of the organization's services and its desire to promote Rowan's Law within municipally owned and operated recreational facilities.

Staff have met with representatives of PACA and are supportive of concussion awareness promotional materials being displayed at municipal recreational facilities, subject to Staff's discretion on the type of promotional material to be posted and the locations where the material is to be posted. Staff is seeking APRAC's endorsement to display concussion awareness promotional material in municipal indoor and outdoor recreational facilities.

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