



City of
Peterborough

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

From: **Rob McAulay, Recreation Division and Peterborough Sport & Wellness Centre Manager**

Meeting Date: **June 14, 2021**

Subject: **Report APRAC21-015
2020-2021 Ontario 55+ Summer Games Update Report**

Purpose

A report to inform that the Ministry of Heritage Sport Tourism and Culture Industries has cancelled the 2020-2021 Ontario 55+ Summer Games as a result of COVID19 and has invited the City of Peterborough to consider hosting the games in 2022.

Recommendations

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee endorse the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC21-015, dated June 14, 2021, of the Recreation Division and Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre Manager, as follows:

- a) The Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receive the letter from the Ministry of Heritage Sport Tourism and Culture Industries of the notice of cancellation of the 2020/2021 Ontario 55+ Summer Games; and
- b) The Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommend the invitation from the Ministry of Heritage Sport Tourism and Culture Industries to consider hosting the 2022 Ontario 55+ Summer Games be accepted.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget or financial implications associated with the recommendations.

Background

As per the recommendations of report CSRS18-001 dated January 29, 2018 Council directed staff to submit a bid to host the 2020 Ontario 55+ Summer Games, and if successful hire a fulltime Games General Manager. On April 26, 2018, the Province notified the City that it was successful in its application to host the Games. The Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) between the City and the Province was signed February 15, 2019. A Games Organizing Committee (GOC) was established, consisting of City Staff and representatives from the County of Peterborough, Hiawatha First Nation, the Provincial Games Unit, Fleming College, Trent University, Peterborough and Kawartha Economic Development, Ontario Senior Games Association, Loomex and Community Volunteers.

On June 4, 2020 the Province formally notified Mayor Therrien that the Games would not take place in 2020, due to the implications of COVID19 and it was the Province's desire to postpone the Games to the summer of 2021.

On September 28, 2020 City Council approved the recommendation from report CSRS20-005 dated September 8, 2020 that the city approved the request to postpone the 2021 Ontario 55+ Summer Games, that the province increase the hosting grant to cover additional costs resulting from the postponement of the 2020-2021 games.

On May 25, 2021 the Ministry of Heritage Sport Tourism and Culture Industries issued a letter to the City of Peterborough that the 2020-2021 Ontario 55+ Summer Games are formally cancelled and that the City of Peterborough was formally invited to host the 2022 Ontario 55+ Summer Games.

Summary

This report provides updates for the Arena, Park and Recreation Advisory Committee on the status of the 2020-2021 Ontario 55+ Summer games, and requests endorsement on the consideration for the City to host the 2022 Ontario 55+ Summer Games.

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Attachment: Appendix A: Letter from the Minister of Heritage Sport Tourism and Culture Industries