



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: September 14, 2021

Subject: Report APRAC21-016
Divisional Update Report

Purpose

A standing report to advise the Arena Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee on the current and upcoming activities of staff and division projects.

Recommendation

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report ARAC21-016, dated September 14, 2021, of the Recreation Division and Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre Manager, as follows:

That report APRAC21-016 be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

Starting in the 2021 meeting cycle, committee meetings will be delivered virtually and to assist with providing effective communication, divisional staff will provide the committee updates on current or upcoming projects and activities associated with the Arena, Parks and Recreation Services for the City of Peterborough.

Arena Division – Sue Warrington

2021 Allocations – Ice, Floor, Room and Facility Rentals

Kinsmen Arena reopened to ice rentals effective July 19, 2021 following the transition to Step 3 of Provincial framework and ice rentals resumed at the Healthy Planet Arena (HPA) effective September 7, 2021 for the start of the Fall/Winter Season. Room rentals opportunities in Community Arenas will be re-evaluated once more details about the Step 3 Exit Step are disclosed.

Effective September 7, 2021 capacity limits for Community Arena ice use were expanded under Step 3 to allow on ice capacity of 30 participants all-inclusive and for spectators, 2 per participant- max of 60.

PPH have changed to provide pop-up vaccination clinic opportunities in the HPA Banquet Hall as well as other City locations since late August. PPH will continue to use the Hall space for clinic operations and as a standby for PRHC Emergency use, if required.

Staff continue to regularly consult with Public Health officials regarding revisions to the provincial restrictions to adjust guidelines accordingly. Regular updates to users are provided when changes to existing guidelines are made.

The Peterborough and District Farmers' Market Association continues to operate a Saturday morning Farmers' Market in the parking lot, following Peterborough Public Health guidelines as permitted under the Provincial regulations.

Peterborough Memorial Centre

PMC Drive-In Events

The PMC Drive-In Events had a successful season resulting in 17 events in total throughout June, July and August featuring local talent and partnerships with Community organizations including Market Hall Performance Centre, Peterborough Museum & Archives and MusicFest.

PMC 2021/22 Season

Planning and ticket sales for the 2022 concert season began earlier this year. The Petes 2021/22 Season commenced with Exhibition Games starting September 6 and the Home Opener scheduled for October 14.

Arena Projects

Freedom Mobile Roof Replacement at the HPA was completed two weeks early allowing ice preparations to begin on both pads for a September 7 ice season start.

PMC Condenser-completed mid-August as scheduled.

Marina Operations

The Peterborough Marina continues to operate for seasonal and overnight boating activities through to Thanksgiving weekend.

Facilities and Planning – Gillian Barnes

No updates on facility construction projects.

Planning and Urban Design – Nicole Huculiak

No updates on planning and urban design projects.

Parks and Fields – Cassandra Babcock

Splashpads

Operations have been extended to September 13th then will be decommissioned.

Sports fields

Kinsmen & East Gate 3 will be out of service for turf management operations beginning September 20th.

Bowers Parks irrigation repairs

RFQ21-145 issued for Bowers Parks irrigation repairs to establish a baseline for budgeting purposes.

All other irrigation will begin to be decommissioned October 4th.

Courts

RFQ #4 for 2021 issued for hard court resurfacing at Bonnerworth and Knights of Columbus.

Skateboard Park

Surface repairs, sealing and painting project complete. Phase 2 will be lighting.

Playgrounds

Phase 1 of accessible amenities has been completed with 14 accessible swings implemented through out the city.

Public Works has installed 28 accessible benches through out the city in 2021.

Parks Sanitation

We have extended the number of cans on trail & parks by 20% but without additional resources the service intervals have also increased in duration resulting in complaints

regarding full cans. If we continue with the expanded number of locations in 2022 – additional resources will be required.

Turf Management

Our Parks division currently services 365 hectares of parks, open spaces, trails with three grass crews based on six seasonal staff members. We have implemented an online reporting system through the city's website in 2021. The turf management program will be revised during the winter of 2021-22 so please anticipate changes in the 2022 season.

Pedestrian bridges

21 pedestrian bridges on trails and pathways have received extensive repairs with seven more scheduled for 2022.

Living in the Rough

The Parks Supervisor has responded to 814 requests for service for camping or clearing permitted amenities with 163 formal tent complaints as of August 31, 2021

Harm Reduction

Public Works has installed 39 sharps containers in parks facilities, playground areas and trail heads in 2021. Public Works will install four more community boxes in Beavermead, Roger's Cove, Simcoe & Bethune and the McDonnell St. trail. Public Works has collected 8,789 sharps as of August 31, 2021 for the 2021 calendar year.

General Parks

Completed the swale and berm project in Manor Heights Park.

Jackson Pond

Retention wall being advanced for a capital project as significant repairs are required.

Millennium Park

Complete overhaul of the Millennium Fountain and Chaison Pond vaults and all plumbing.

Age-Friendly projects

Set for design in September 2021 for procurement this fall and installation in 2022 that include out-door fitness equipment installation and repairs along with the addition of conversation and game sets (post-Covid).

Horticulture Program

Public Works has now reduced our annual purchases by 35% with a further reduction of 55% on the tulips beds as we transition to perennial and hardscape designs through a five-year plan with sustainability and beautification as priorities.

Forestry

Public Works has completed four of the 6 planting projects as of August 31, 2021 with the fall planting session beginning September 20th followed by the DBIA immediately afterwards. Public Works will have increased the canopy replacement by 200% for 2021 over the last fiscal period.

Forestry service requests have seen a marked increase since the beginning of 2020. Public Works is receiving close to 150 calls for service per week for forestry related activities. We currently have a four-person crew lead by a foreman and have requested an increase in FTE for the 2022 budget.

General Parks & Forestry

Currently in development for a new work order and inspections system for parks, open spaces, amenities, and trails to improve workflow, asset and risk management.

Recreation Programs – Heather Stephens

Canada Day Parade

With limits to in-person gatherings, the Canada Day Parade was cancelled this year, and annual event will move to a virtual celebration.

The event focused on activities to do at home to celebrate Canada's Birthday. 500 kits were created by Recreation/Wellness Centre staff and were available for pick up at the Library, Wellness Centre, Memorial Centre, City Hall and Social Services. All 500 kits were gone after four hours.

Beaches and Wading Pools

Supervision for city beaches and wading pools for the summer season took place between June 26 and August 22 by trained lifeguards.

Beach locations: Beavermead and Rogers Cove

Waterfront Attendance: 7785 participants * decrease from 2020

Wading pool locations: Turner Park, Knights of Columbus Park, John Taylor Memorial Park and Chelsea Gardens Park

Wading Pool Attendance: 6805 participants * increase from 2020

Junior Parks Program

Free recreational program at city parks for children 4 to 8 years old, began July 5 and operated until August 13.

Locations: Turner Park, Kiwanis Park, John Taylor Park, Stewart Street Park.

Attendance for the six-week program was 350 participants, down from 853 in 2019. No program was offered in 2020.

Summer Day Camp Programs

Day Camp programming for children 4 to 13 years of age at two locations was offered July 5 to September 3.

Locations: Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre and Navy Memorial Park.

Attendance: 460 campers for the Wellness Centre, and 112 campers for Navy Memorial Park. * decrease over normal year with no restrictions.

Instructional Sport Programs

Programming this summer included Youth/Adult Pickleball clinics, leagues, and lessons. Partnership programs include Tennis lessons and camps operated by the Quaker Tennis Club and a Football Camp delivered in partnership with Kinsmen Football. Programs were offered at Knights of Columbus, Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre, Nichols Oval and Quaker Tennis Club.

- 68 participants in the Pickleball leagues, clinics and lessons ** New this year
- 124 participants in the Tennis program * increase from previous summers
- 24 campers in the Football camp * decrease from previous summers

Recreation Services – Rob McAulay

Wellness Centre – Aquatic Shutdown

The Wellness Centre pools will close on September 20 related to the HVAC Renovation Project. The pools are projected to remain offline for the remainder of the 2021 and return to operation starting in January 2022.

The Wellness Centre will continue to operate its Fitness Centre, Gymnasiums, and Fitness and Children programs during this time.

Peterborough Canoe and Kayak Club

The Peterborough Canoe and Kayak Club are relocating to a new space adjacent to Beavermead Beach and Park. This location is temporary and will allow the club to continue its operations in 2022 while a longer term solution is explored.

Summary

This report provides updates for the Arena, Park and Recreation Advisory Committee for information purposes. Questions related to the above updates can be directed to staff for clarification.

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