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**Peterborough**

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

**From:** Brad Putnam, Recreation Services Facility Manager

**Meeting Date:** March 21, 2023

**Subject:** Quaker Foods City Square Operations Report APRAC23-005

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## **Purpose**

To provide an update on the operational amenities and recreational opportunities and community events at Quaker Foods City Square.

## **Recommendation**

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC23-005, dated March 21, 2023, of the Recreation Facility Services Manager, as follows:

That report APRAC23-005 be received for information.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

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

## **Background**

The Quaker Foods City Square, formerly referred to as Urban Park, officially opened to the public on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The seasonal ice rink operation has been a very positive new asset and operation for the City and community and has been well received by the community.

Below is a summary of some of the amenities associated with the Square and park spaces:

- **Ice Rink:** the seasonal skating rink is refrigerated and maintained by Arena Operators from December to March. Weather pending, the ice rink operation will commence annually in December, with a closing date of early to mid March. Information on the rink and its availability can be found at <https://www.peterborough.ca/en/explore-and-play/skating.aspx> . The final operational date is March 19, 2023 for the initial ice season.
- **Water Play Feature:** The west side of the square features a water play feature with associated inground water jets. This will be commissioned annually by Public Works around their seasonal outdoor water features schedule.
- **Landscape features:** the entire site includes various landscape features including seating furniture, seat walls, benches and greenspace for the enjoyment and use of all members of the community.
- **Public Art - UN Peacekeepers Monument:** The City and UN Peacekeepers Association officially unveiled the UN Peacekeepers Monument on July 1, 2022. The monument is prominently displayed on the North end of the Square, directly adjacent to Charlotte and Aylmer St.
- **Event Power:** There is approximately 400 amps of site power that will be available for special events use, with various event power supplies located in the square area for staging and vendors.

In addition to these amenities, Recreation services plans to implement various community events and programs in the square. Examples include fitness in the park programs, children's activities and staff are working with DBIA to plan out additional special events to animate the park this spring and summer.

Special events can be requested year round utilizing the City's special event permitting process, available at <https://forms.peterborough.ca/Clerks-Office/Special-Events-Application>. The primary focus of permitted activities and events are to encourage community use and access to this amazing new square and its various amenities.

## Summary

This report is to provide an update on the operational amenities and recreational opportunities and community events at Quaker Foods City Square for information purposes.

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**Attachments:**

Appendix A – 21-10-22\_COP Urban Park\_SITE PLAN AREAS – Rev (2)

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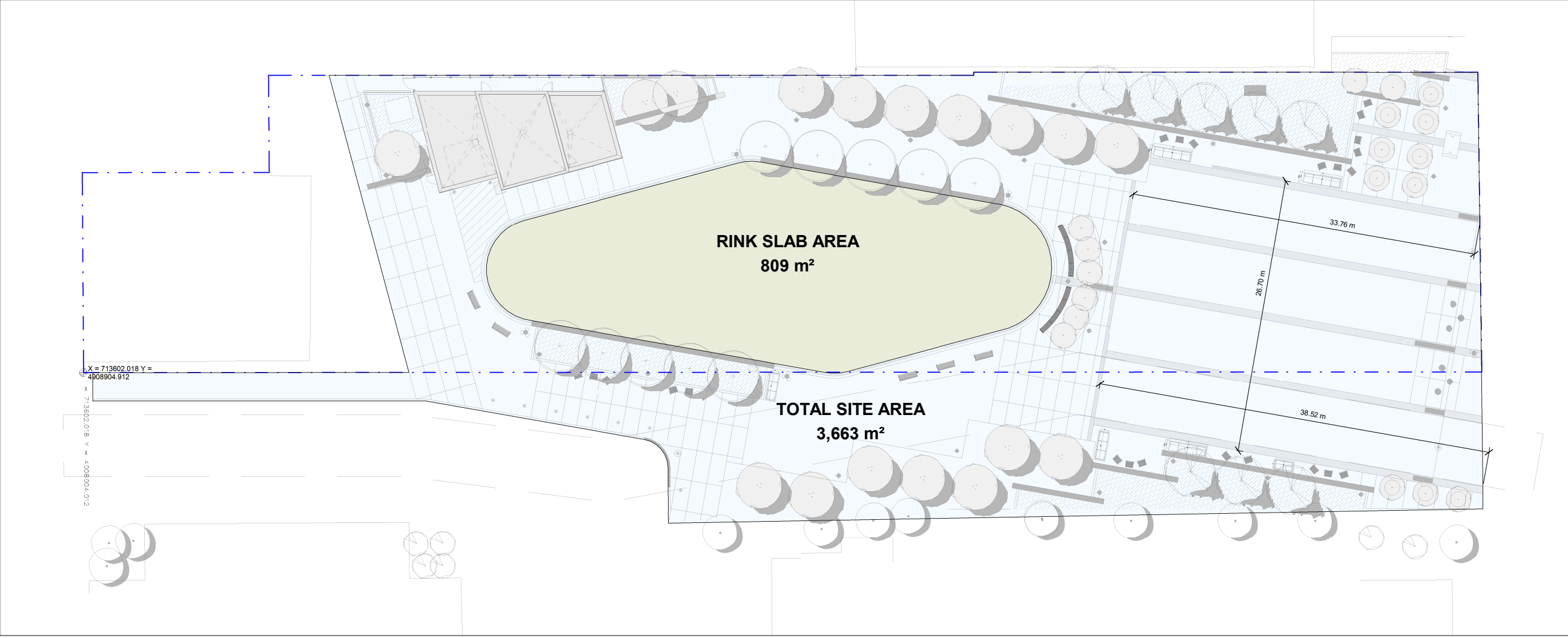
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**SITE AREA LEGEND**

■ RINK SLAB AREA

■ TOTAL SITE AREA