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**Peterborough**

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

**From:** Rob McAulay, Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services

**Meeting Date:** April 21, 2026

**Report:** Divisional Update, Report APRAC26-013

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## **Subject**

A standing report to advise the Arenas 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 APRAC26-013, dated April 21, 2026 of the Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services as follows:

That report APRAC26-013 be received for information.

## **Background**

The divisional report is to assist with providing effective communication and for divisional staff to continue to provide the committee with operational updates on current or upcoming projects and activities associated with the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Services for the City of Peterborough.

a) Facilities and Property Management – Sean Nailer

### **Riverview Park and Zoo**

Planning for improvements to Riverview Park and Zoo Accessible Playground are underway. The park is located at 1300 Water Street North in Ward 5. The City's

community consultation website at [connectptbo.ca/zoo](https://connectptbo.ca/zoo) is available. An online survey is open until 11:59 p.m. on May 1, 2026 for the community to provide feedback. A Public Drop-In Session will take place on Thursday, April 23, 2026 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Riverview Park and Zoo Rotary Education Centre at 1300 Water Street North.

### **Kawartha Heights Park**

Planning for the redevelopment of Kawartha Heights Park is underway. The park is located at 2229 Kawartha Heights Blvd in Ward 2. The City's community consultation website at [connectptbo.ca/kawartha](https://connectptbo.ca/kawartha) is available. An online survey is open until 11:59 p.m. on May 8, 2026 for the community to provide feedback. A Public Drop-In Session will take place on Thursday, April 30, 2026 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Peterborough Sports and Wellness Centre at 775 Brealey Drive..

b) Planning, Development and Urban Design – Nicole Huculiak

No updates on Planning, Development and Urban Design.

c) Recreation Event and Tourism Services – Tanya Budgen

No updates on Recreation Event and Tourism Services.

d) Facility and Parks Services – Chelsey Gray

Updates will be provided in reports APRAC26-007 and APRAC26-011.

e) Community Programs and Customer Services – Heather Stephens

Participant numbers for recreational programming from **January to March 31, 2026**

Recreational programming includes regular weekly lessons, learning to play programs, drop-in classes, and special events. Activities are hosted across multiple venues such as the Community Arenas, including Healthy Planet Arena, Kinsmen Civic Centre, and Miskin Law Community Complex. Additionally, the Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre and McDonnell Street Community Centre play host to many programs. Outdoor activities are held in city parks and beaches like Beavermead, Nichols Oval and Eastgate Memorial Park, along with external facilities like the Quaker Park Tennis Club. The diverse range of locations enables broad community reach, enhancing both access and engagement.

Special Events: Hosted free Snofest events between February 13-16, 2026, that included an adult lunch and learn workshop, free swim, free public skate, free drop-in sports, free crafts and family gym time over the four (4) days.

March Break week included four (4) sponsored free public skates at Miskin Law Community Centre and one (1) sponsored free family fun swim at the Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre. The winter school break also included a week-long day camp at the Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre as well as a scavenger hunt and interactive touch tables at the Riverview Park and Zoo.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Number of Participants</b>
Registered Sport (pickleball, hockey, tennis, darts)	843
Instructional Skating Lessons	472
Swimming Lessons and Leadership Courses	1,038
Children's programming (martial arts, dance, arts)	300
Day Camps (Holiday/March Break Camps and PA days)	167
Children's Birthday Parties (swim/skate/gym)	55
Registered Fitness and Wellness	427
Adult Leisure (shuffleboard, short mat bowling, workshop)	130
Drop-in family/fun swims	2,285
Drop-in public skating and hockey	3,475
Drop-in sport programs offered	20 sessions/week
Drop-in fitness classes offered (land & aquatic)	63 classes/week
Total Registered Participants	11,037
Special Events Participant Numbers – Snofest	670
Special Events - March Break Sponsored Skates and Swim	1,175

### **Membership Totals for March 2026**

<b>Membership Type</b>	<b>Number Sold</b>
Individual One Month	390

<b>Membership Type</b>	<b>Number Sold</b>
Monthly Ongoing Memberships	54
Subsidized Membership	8
Discounted Memberships (any type)	33
Year in Full (any type)	27
Facility Day Pass	63
Fleming Student Membership	99
Seneca Student Membership	7
Marina – Seasonal	0
Marina – Transient	0
Swim Pass - 10	8
Swim Pass – 5	6
Total:	695
<b>Total Year to Date</b>	<b>2,698</b>

f) Division Operations - Josh Cutmore

No updates on Division Operations.

## **Strategic Plan**

Strategic Pillar: Community & Well-being

Strategic Priority: Foster community resiliency, neighbourhood identity, civic pride, sense of belonging, and intercultural harmony. Enhance and protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of all in our City. Provide robust, affordable, and accessible sport, recreation, wellness, and social programs for people of all ages and abilities.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

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

## **Conclusion**

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

Submitted by,

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