



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee

From: Trish Reed, Accessibility and Communication Specialist

Meeting Date: April 5, 2017

Subject: Report AAC17-031
Peterborough Public Health Draft Outdoor Playspaces
Evidence Report

Purpose

A report to introduce a presentation by the Health Promoter, Community Health Team, with Peterborough Public Health on the draft Outdoor Playspaces Evidence Report.

Recommendation

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report AAC17-031 dated April 5, 2017, of the Accessibility and Communication Specialist as follows:

That the presentation by the Health Promoter, Community Health Team, with Peterborough Public Health on the draft Outdoor Playspaces Evidence Report be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

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

Background

Through community programs and by developing better health policies, Peterborough Public Health (PPH) works to improve the living conditions of those in need for the benefit of all. PPH serves residents throughout the City and County of Peterborough and offers a wide range of programs and services including healthy eating workshops, poverty reduction initiatives, oral health clinics, controlling infectious disease outbreaks, water safety and sexual health clinic services.

In 2013, PPH began a research project on outdoor playspaces. The interest in playgrounds resulted from the Ontario Public Health Standards falls prevention in children, the high rate of playground injuries in Peterborough and the desire to identify strategies gathered through research and best practice on how to help prevent injuries.

The PPH findings have been summarized in the draft Outdoor Playspaces Evidence Report. The report includes information on play and child development, playspaces, natural playspaces, risky play and risk management. The information compiled in the draft report may provide the AAC with additional information that can be used when reviewing City of Peterborough playground projects.

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