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**Peterborough**

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

**From:** **Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator**

**Meeting Date:** **September 15, 2015**

**Subject:** **Report APRAC15-031  
Vision 2025 Advisory Committee Consultation**

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## **Purpose**

A report to inform that as part of the Vision 2025 consultation process, the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting on September 15, 2015 will include members from the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee, Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, and the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

## **Recommendations**

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC15-031 dated September 15, 2015, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That the September 15, 2015 Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting be conducted as a meeting including the Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee, Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, and the Accessibility Advisory Committee; and
- b) That a presentation from Robert Lockhart on the Vision 2025 project be received, and that input be provided by the Advisory Committees.

## Budget and Financial Implications

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendations of report APRAC15-031.

## Background

The City of Peterborough has contracted with the Rethink Group, specialists in leisure services planning and management, to prepare a 10-year strategic plan, known as Vision 2025 - A Strategy for Recreation, Parks, Arenas and Culture.

The project will include an analysis of:

- how leisure services are provided
- policies and practices
- programming, festivals and events
- indoor and outdoor facilities
- parks and open space
- leisure trends and best practices, and
- how leisure services are funded

The nature of the Peterborough and area community will be examined, along with anticipated population growth and change over the next decade and beyond.

Current demand for leisure services will be researched, past trends analyzed and future demand predicted. The gap between supply and demand will be identified, and the future gap predicted. The Plan will build upon identified strengths and opportunities, and address deficiencies and challenges (current and future).

An important objective of the Plan is to explore ways to reduce overlap, improve inefficiency, optimize resources, and seek new sources of revenue and funding. In part, this will be accomplished by exploring opportunities for increased collaboration, co-operation, communication, sharing and joint ventures among the many agencies and groups who are directly and indirectly involved in providing culture, recreation and sport services.

Another important output of Vision 2025 will be a strategy to increase the strength and capacity of volunteers who are an essential element in the provision of leisure services throughout the community.

The consultation process will include three sessions with the City's Advisory Committees that are dedicated to the Recreation, Parks, Arena, and Culture service areas. The first of which will occur on September 15, 2015.

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