



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

From: Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator
Phil Jacobs, Parks and Forestry Supervisor

Meeting Date: January 19, 2016

Subject: Report APRAC16-001
Community Assistance – Beavermead Beach Volleyball Court Expansion

Purpose

A report to request the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee's endorsement of the 2016 Community Assistance project to add two Beach Volleyball courts to the existing four courts situated in Beavermead Park.

Recommendation

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC16-001 dated January 19, 2016, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

That partnering with Soul Beach Volleyball and Invado Volleyball, through the Community Assistance Program, to establish two additional beach volleyball courts in Beavermead Park, at an estimated cost to the City of \$25,500 be endorsed.

Budget and Financial Implications

The total estimated cost of this project is \$30,000. If the recommendation of this report is approved, the estimated cost to the City is \$25,500, which can be accommodated within the approved 2016 Community Assistance Capital budget (budget reference # 16-1.03). The remaining 15% will be covered by the Soul Beach Volleyball, and Invado Volleyball clubs.

Background

Community Assistance Program

Community Assistance funding provides partnership support to enable voluntary community agencies or groups, including sport groups, to improve municipal parks and/or school playgrounds, serving a community need at a relatively low cost for the City. The community agency/group is required to contribute a minimum of 15% of the estimated total project cost. The City then considers the balance of the expenses for funding under the Community Assistance fund. Annual allocations are considered by the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for specific projects, depending upon the completion of the various community groups' fundraising drives.

Proposal for Two Additional Courts

In November 2015, the two local beach volleyball clubs, Soul Beach Volleyball & Invado Volleyball, requested that City Staff consider adding two more beach volleyball courts in Beavermead Park. They proposed partnering with the City on this project through the Community Assistance program, as was done in 2014.

Staff have reviewed the site and determined there is sufficient space to accommodate the additional two courts. An aerial photo depicting the proposed location of the courts is attached as Appendix "A".

Both organizations rent the existing courts, providing an affordable recreational opportunity for youth and adults. The demand for the courts has outgrown the current supply. A maximum of 100 participants can be accommodated on the existing four courts. Both organizations had to turn away individuals who wanted to participate in their programs in 2014 and 2015. If the additional courts are developed in the spring of 2016, both organizations are confident their number of participants will continue to grow in 2016.

Use of the courts for organized league play primarily occurs weekday evenings from the last week in May until the third week of August. The courts will continue to remain available for casual use by the community on weekdays and on weekends, which are the key demand times for casual use during the school summer vacation period.

The work to construct the two additional courts can be conducted by the Public Works Division, at an estimated cost of \$30,000. Soul Beach Volleyball has raised their 15%, leaving the City's contribution at \$25,500, which can be accommodated within the approved 2016 Community Assistance capital budget (Budget reference # 6-1.03). Staff recommends the project proceed as early as possible in the spring of 2016.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:
Appendix A – Aerial Photo of the Proposed Court Layout

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