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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 20, 2016**

**Subject:** **Report APRAC16-028  
Community Assistance – Cameron Park**

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## **Purpose**

A report to inform of a request from representatives of the Cameron Park neighbourhood to establish a Neighbourhood Association, for the purpose of developing amenities within Cameron Park, through the Community Assistance Program.

## **Recommendations**

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC16-028 dated September 20, 2016, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That staff be directed to:
  - i) Assist the representatives of the Cameron Park neighbourhood, to establish a Neighbourhood Association, with the goal of developing amenities within Cameron Park, through the Community Assistance Program; and
  - ii) Report back to the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee once the Neighbourhood Association has been established and the details of a specific project are identified.

## Budget and Financial Implications

There is no immediate budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of this report. Funding for specific projects will be addressed in a future report.

## 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.

### Request for Community Assistance

In June 2016, Recreation Staff were informed by Councillor Parnell that Maisie Watson, from the Peterborough Housing Corporation had been in discussion with residents in the Cameron Park neighbourhood about improving the amenities at Cameron Park. Particularly, her communication was with residents living within the housing unit owned by Peterborough Housing Corporation. With the assistance of Councillor Parnell, a neighbourhood event was planned to take place in Cameron Park to bring the broader neighbourhood together and introduce the concept of working collaboratively to improve the park. Grace United Church has also become engaged in the process. Staff had further contact with Maisie Watson following the neighbourhood event to discuss how the Community Assistance Program works and how it could support their efforts.

Staff is seeking direction from APRAC to work with the Peterborough Housing Corporation, Grace United Church, and the neighbours of Cameron Park to establish a Neighbourhood Association. Guidance will be provided to assist them in determining the specific amenities to include in the park, to meet the neighbourhood's recreational needs.

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