



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Sue Warrington, Manager of Arena Division

MEETING DATE: November 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Report APRAC09-003
Peterborough Memorial Centre Flagpoles

PURPOSE

A report to provide information on the Peterborough Memorial Centre Flagpoles.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC09-003 dated November 17, 2009, of the Manager of the Arena Division:

That the report on the Peterborough Memorial Centre Flagpoles be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This is a report for information purposes only. Any changes in operations will be reflected in the Peterborough Memorial Centre operating and/or capital budgets as approved by Council.

BACKGROUND

The condition of the flags on the roof of the Peterborough Memorial Centre is often a subject of discussion within the community. The flags fly at a height of approximately 75 feet in the air and begin to shred at the edges quite frequently despite being changed in both the spring and fall seasons at a minimum. High-quality flags are being purchased in an effort to withstand the weather but wind damage continues to be a frequent problem despite an average cost of over \$200 per flag.

Replacing damaged flags at the current location of the flagpoles on north façade of the building is not easy. The existing flagpoles are approximately three feet away from the edge of the facility and the rope and pulley system is located at the north side of each flagpole, opposite from the facility, making roof access by staff completely unsafe. Consequently, the flags can only be changed by Fire Services staff with their large ladder truck, typically as an aerial exercise.

Prior to the 2003 renovation when the existing flagpoles were installed, there was one flagpole on the ground at the north-east corner area of the property near Lock and Lansdowne Streets. In the early 1980s, the flagpoles that were on the face of the facility for decades (similar to those in place today) were removed because of the same challenges.

Staff is currently investigating other options for flagpoles and related costs at the Memorial Centre site.

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