



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Brian Buchardt, Planner, Urban Design

MEETING DATE: February 23, 2010

SUBJECT: Report APRAC10-007
Proposed Hazelbrae Barnardo Memorial

PURPOSE

A report to recommend the endorsement of the proposed Hazelbrae Barnardo Memorial as a project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in report APRAC10-0007 dated February 23, 2010 of the Planner, Urban Design as follows:

- a) That a delegation be received from Ivy Sucee.
- b) That the proposed Hazelbrae Barnardo Memorial be endorsed as a project to be undertaken in 2010.
- c) That the proposed location for the Hazelbrae Barnardo Memorial Project at the Queen Alexandra Community Centre be endorsed.
- d) That a City contribution of \$10,000 toward the project be endorsed.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The project proponents are responsible for all costs associated with the design, fabrication, and installation of the proposed monument and have completed their fund-raising campaign. The City's share of the Memorial's installation to cover landscaping and hard surfacing is estimated to be \$10,000. It has been recommended to fund the City's share from the Capital Levy Reserve account subject to Council approval.

BACKGROUND

The Hazelbrae home once existed on the Barnardo estate directly across the road on Barnardo Avenue from the Queen Alexandra Community Centre. Also known as the Barnardo Home for Girls, the stately home once stood where there are now single-family residential properties off O'Carroll Avenue (see attached exhibits).

Historians agree that Hazelbrae was important to Peterborough. Orphaned, destitute and neglected children from the British Isles were sent to Canada in 1883, and the first group arrived at Hazelbrae in 1884. At the time, Dr. Barnardo spoke publicly about his work in the "rescue of human wrecks from the seething sea of London misery". It has been estimated that Dr. Barnardo assisted as many as 1,300 children a year in the various homes he had established. Many of the children that passed through Hazelbrae grew up to be farmers, agricultural labourers, miners, factory workers, worked in the lumber industry, or became policemen, soldiers and professionals in one of the most formative periods in Canadian history.

Just as Peter Robinson engineered the landing of 2,200 Irish settlers to this area in 1825, Dr. Barnardo arranged for an influx of approximately 10,000 children from 1884 to 1922 because "there was room in this broad Dominion for every soul likely to become a good and industrious citizen".

A group dedicated to recognizing this important aspect of Peterborough's history is proposing to establish a Memorial to honour the thousands of children who passed through the Hazelbrae home between 1884 and 1922 with the Dr. Barnardo organization.

THE PROPOSAL

The proposal calls for the installation of seven polished black granite panels, six of which will measure 36" wide by 8" thick by 44" high. The names of the children will appear on both sides of the panels. A "Feature Panel" exhibiting an illustration of the

Hazelbrae home will be 36" wide by 8" thick by 66" high. The back of the Feature Panel will also exhibit names of the children. The names are to be supplied directly by the Barnardo Foundation in Britain.

The black granite monuments are proposed to be anchored to a poured concrete foundation, four feet below grade, to prevent their movement due to frost penetration. The group dedicated to the establishment of the Memorial has raised the full cost for the manufacture, supply and installation of the stone. The group has an arrangement with Campbell Monuments Co. Ltd. for this aspect of the project.

City staff were asked to recommend a suitable site for the Memorial, to create a landscape design, and to provide financial assistance for the site's landscape construction.

Site Selection:

Originally the Hazelbrae group were interested in obtaining a site for the Memorial in Millennium Park. Sites within the park, as well as sites along the trail with proximity to the former Barnardo property were considered. However, the Queen Alexandra Community Centre site was favoured both by the group and City staff due to its excellent vehicular and pedestrian access, as well as its direct view and proximity to the former Barnardo property. Furthermore, many of the children attended Queen Alexandra when it was the public school for the area.

Landscape Design:

The available area for the Memorial is perfectly suited for public visitation. The design calls for the assembly of panels to emphasize the feature monument, displaying an image of the Hazelbrae home and accompanying text (see Exhibit "D"). The panels displaying the names of the children would be encountered on an angle in front of the feature stone, having the effect of pointing toward the former Hazelbrae property. The use of existing benches positioned parallel to the angle of the monuments will provide a place for visitors to linger, as well as give form to the space.

The paving material is proposed to be of a colour and texture complimentary to the Queen Alexandra building, with special accent bands of square "unigranite" pavers containing black granite flecks. The shape of the paved area echoes the architectural form of the building. New plantings would soften the hard landscape components, as well as help to define the space and add colour.

The space is big enough to accommodate a small gathering of people.

The City's Financial Contribution:

The estimated cost of the landscape construction associated with the Memorial's installation is \$20,000. As a result, it has been recommended to request \$10,000 from

the City's capital levy reserve. The City's share would match the Hazelbrae group's funds committed toward the project.

SUMMARY

The proposed Memorial for the children who passed through Hazelbrae is a worthy project as it marks a significant occurrence in the City's history. The proposed site, and space available for the Memorial is perfectly suited for public visitation. It has a direct view over the former Barnardo property, and the landscape design associated with its development would be a welcome addition to the front lawn of the Queen Alexandra Community Centre.

The Hazelbrae group has committed all of the funds required for the manufacture, supply and installation of the black granite monuments, and it has been recommended that the City provide a modest capital contribution to help create an appropriate landscaped setting for the Memorial.

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Attachments:

Exhibit A Former Barnardo property (location of Hazelbrae)
Exhibit B Historic Photograph of Hazelbrae
Exhibit C Memorial Components
Exhibit D Site / Landscape Plan