



## City of Peterborough

**TO:** Members of Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services

**MEETING DATE:** February 23, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Report APRAC10-008  
Advisory Committee Priorities for 2010

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### **PURPOSE**

A report to encourage input from the Arena Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee on its priorities for the up-coming year.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (APRAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC10-008 dated February 23, 2010, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

That APRAC provide direction on priorities/ areas of interest for presentations and staff reports, and meeting locations for 2010.

### **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct budget or financial implications resulting from this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

The mandate of the City's Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee encompasses a broad portfolio and range of responsibilities. It provides advice and direction to three departments including: Community Services, Utility Services, and Planning; to five divisions including: Arenas, Facilities and Special Projects, Planning, Public Works, and Recreation; to a broad range of facilities including: Peterborough Memorial Centre, Evinrude, Kinsmen and Northcrest Arenas; Marina and Beavermead; Queen Alexandra, Del Crary and Millenium Parks; City parks, playing fields, beaches and ancillary facilities; and an even broader range of programs and services directly affecting leisure activities and quality of life for local residents and visitors.

Over the past year, the Committee has provided invaluable direction on a wide range of topics including: the Little Lake Master Plan, Morrow Park Master Plan, Community Garden Policy, Urban Forest Policy, Downtown Youth Space, Urban Basketball Courts, Canadian Wakeboard Championships, new seniors recreational facilities like Mapleridge, vendors in City Parks, and smoking bans on City property. Late last fall, staff provided a presentation on the acquisition and disposal of City parkland, which was well received as a background context for the committee. Committee members suggested that there should be more background presentations of this nature.

The Corporation's 2010 work programs also identify a broad range of operational and capital projects that may be of interest to the Committee including:

- a review of Temporary Road Closures for Special Events
- Accessibility Standards for Ontarians with Disabilities
- Transportation Plan Master Plan update
- Trail Development/ Bicycle Lane Improvements/ signage
- Municipal Cultural Plan
- Corporate Volunteer Policy
- Vision 2020
- Peterborough Sports Council
- Outdoor Park Facilities
- Special Event Bookings
- Community Grants

Many of the recent agenda items have been reactive. To ensure that the committee is providing proactive direction, it is proposed that the Director of Community Services facilitate a brief discussion among APRAC members to identify and prioritize items for presentation and staff reports at meetings throughout the balance of 2010.

APRAC members will also be encouraged to provide direction regarding meeting scheduling rotating the site of future meetings to encourage tours of City facilities as pre- or post meeting activities. Possible locations could include: Queen Alex, Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre, Peterborough Memorial Centre, Evinrude, Kinsmen and Northcrest arenas, Marina, Beavermead, and Millenium Park.

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