



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Rob Anderson, Recreation Coordinator

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2010

SUBJECT: Report APRAC10-013
2010 Community Assistance Projects

PURPOSE

A report to request the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee's approval of the 2010 Community Assistance projects and related funding allocations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC10-013 dated March 16, 2010 of the Recreation Coordinator as follows:

- a) That \$36,550 in Community Assistance funding be allocated for the construction of a children's play structure within Dixon Park.
- b) That \$2,000 in Community Assistance funding be allocated to the ongoing partnership with the Peterborough Community Church Softball League to renovate Children's softball fields within the City, for league and community play.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The approved 2010 Community Assistance net capital budget is \$60,000. If the recommendations in Report APRAC10-013 are endorsed, the expenses can be accommodated within this budget (project # 6-1.01). A balance of \$21,450 will be available for additional 2010 Community Assistance projects, to be identified later this year.

BACKGROUND

Community Assistance funding provides partnership support to enable voluntary community agencies or 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 must 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. All approved Community Assistance projects are tendered in accordance with the City's Purchasing By-law 06-175.

2010 Recommended Community Assistance Projects

Dixon Park:

City staff from the Recreation and Planning divisions has been working closely with the Dixon Park Neighbourhood Association (DPNA) beginning in 2009. The DPNA has raised 15% of the estimated \$43,000 cost of a children's play structure, including installation. Staff recommends providing assistance with the remaining \$36,550.

Children's Softball Field Upgrade:

The Community Assistance funding enhances the City's ongoing partnership with the Peterborough Community Church Softball League (PCCSL) for the renovation of children's softball fields in the City. As in 2009, the PCCSL is requesting matching funds up to \$2,000 for this purpose. The exact location(s) will be determined in the first half of 2010, based on field conditions. Staff recommends providing assistance in the amount of \$2,000.

Simcoe And Bethune Park

The Recreation Division invited neighbourhood residents in the Simcoe and Bethune Park area to attend a Community Assistance information session at the Peterborough Public Library, on the evening of March 4, 2010. The number of neighbours in attendance was small but their desire to establish a neighbourhood association was large. In support of the neighbours, Recreation Division Staff will assist in the development of this neighbourhood association. The Peterborough Public Library is located in the Simcoe and Bethune Park neighbourhood and Library Staff offered to provide support as well.

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