



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of The Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator

MEETING DATE: June 15, 2010

SUBJECT: Report APRAC10-023
Use of Nicholls Oval By Peterborough Cycling Club

PURPOSE

A report to inform the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee of a proposal received from the Peterborough Cycling Club, to upgrade the paved track at Nicholls Oval Park in exchange for dedicated use of the track.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC10-023 dated June 15, 2010, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That report APRAC10-023 and a presentation by the Peterborough Cycling Club be received for information
- b) That upgrades to the paved track at Nicholls Oval Park be approved, upon City Staff receiving notice from the Peterborough Cycling Club and the Peterborough Rugby Club that they are in agreement with a park use schedule that is acceptable to the City

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget or financial implications resulting from approving the recommendations in Report APRAC10-023. The Peterborough Cycling Club has raised 100% of the funds required for the upgrades to the paved track at Nicholls Oval Park.

BACKGROUND

At the April 22, 2009 meeting of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (APRAC), a delegation was made by the Peterborough Cycling Club, requesting a letter of support for the removal of the speed bumps on the paved track at Nicholls Oval Park. The purpose of this is to create a bicycle venue. APRAC recommended staff review the schedules of current users at Nicholls Oval and report back to the Committee, with the possibility of a letter of support to follow.

At the May 20, 2009 APRAC meeting, staff provided a verbal update to APRAC, identifying that current user schedules can accommodate the addition of Cycling Club activities at Nicholls Oval. However, the Peterborough Rugby Club made a significant financial contribution to major upgrades to Nicholls Oval, in return for primary use of the park. Any new activities at Nicholls Oval must not create an interruption to the Rugby Club's required schedule or standard of use for this park. APRAC passed a motion to provide a letter of support, and that the proposed project would proceed only if the Peterborough Cycling Club receives a Trillium Grant.

In late April 2010, the Cycling Club informed City staff that they believe they have raised sufficient funds to complete the required work at Nicholls Oval. The Cycling Club is ineligible to receive a Trillium Grant, due to the success of their fund raising. A representative from the Cycling Club met with Public Works staff on May 19, 2010 to review the scope of work being proposed. Public Works provided the Cycling Club with an estimate to complete the work, involving the removal of portable curbing and speed bumps.

On June 3, 2010, City Staff met with representatives from the Rugby and Cycling Clubs to discuss how the required schedules of the two organizations could be accommodated. A proposed schedule was determined on June 3rd. The representatives from each Club will present the proposed schedule to their executives for consideration. City Staff recommend proceeding with the work at Nicholls Oval, to accommodate the Cycling Club activities, only if the Clubs agree on a park use schedule acceptable to the City.

Submitted by,

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