



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 APRAC10-021
Commemoration Requests

PURPOSE

A report to inform the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee that commemoration requests are being received from the public, and to seek direction from the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC10-021 dated June 15, 2010, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

That Staff be directed to create a report identifying the short and long-term implications of initiating a commemoration program, and to provide recommendations based on those implications.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget or financial implications as a result of approving the recommendations of Report APRAC10-019.

BACKGROUND

Over the past few years, several individuals have contacted Community Services Staff, offering donations to cover the cost of commemorating a deceased friend or relative. The type of commemoration requests varies from the installation of plaques and benches to planting trees and naming parks in a deceased person's honour.

There was a commemorative plaque program in place in 2000/01, as a fundraiser for the development of Millennium Park. That program has since closed. At present, there is no commemoration program in effect, making it difficult for Community Services Staff to respond to such requests. Individuals are given the opportunity to leave their contact information, should they wish to be contacted if/when such a program is initiated.

Community Services Staff are seeking support from the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to investigate the possibility of initiating a commemoration program, including a review of the short and long-term implications of doing so.

Staff would be pleased to receive input from APRAC at this time.

Submitted by,

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