



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 APRAC10-024
Beach Volleyball Courts At Beavermead Park

PURPOSE

A report to inform the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee of an opportunity to create two beach volleyball courts within Beavermead Park.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC10-024 dated June 15, 2010, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

That construction of two regulation size beach volleyball courts within Beavermead Park be approved, if sufficient funding partnerships are secured.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no approved budget for this project. Budget and financial implications will be determined based on the outcome of future meetings with potential funding partners.

BACKGROUND

In May 2010, City Staff received a request from the organizers of the Wakefest event to create two permanent beach volleyball courts within Beavermead Park. Wakefest has made arrangements for the sand to be donated by the County of Peterborough. For safety and maintenance reasons, the sand must be of a grade that is designated for beach volleyball use.

Staff from the Recreation and Public Works divisions met on June 1, 2010 to discuss the feasibility of this proposal. It is possible to create two regulation size courts of sixty feet by thirty feet each. There is room to situate them north/east of the beach area. This location does not impact the shoreline and can accommodate the required court perimeter safety space of ten feet. This location will not interfere with activities currently occurring in the park.

The cost for Public Works to construct the courts is \$7,500, excluding the sand. There is no specific budget for this project. City Staff is arranging a meeting with a representative from a Volleyball organization, to discuss the possibility of partnering with the City on this project. Constructing regulation-sized courts provides revenue-generating opportunities through league and tournament play, which can offset ongoing maintenance costs. If the courts were constructed, a Council report would be required to amend the 2010 Permitting fee schedule, by adding the Volleyball Court fees.

Staff recommends proceeding with the creation of the two beach volleyball courts in Beavermead Park, if sufficient partnerships can be secured to make it financially possible for the City.

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