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**Peterborough**

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

**FROM:** Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator

**MEETING DATE:** September 21, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Report APRAC10-030  
Rugby Clubhouse Update

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## **PURPOSE**

A report to update the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee on the Peterborough Rugby Club's proposal to construct a clubhouse within Nicholls Oval Park.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC10-030 dated September 21, 2010, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

That Report APRAC10-030 be received for information.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budget or financial implications resulting from the approval of the recommendations in this report.

## BACKGROUND

In June 2009, The Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club (PLBC) announced that it had received a Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RINC) Grant to build a new Clubhouse facility on their McDonnell Street site. This new building will make the existing Clubhouse redundant. The initial plan of the PLBC was to demolish the existing building. However, Council recognized the historical contribution the PLBC has made to Peterborough, of which the Clubhouse played a significant part.

While the City was not interested in obtaining ownership of the building, Council was interested in making efforts to preserve its heritage values.

The Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club has established an agreement with the Peterborough Rugby Club for the sale and purchase of the Clubhouse. However, the sale is conditional on the Peterborough Rugby Club receiving City approval to relocate the Clubhouse to Nicholls Oval Park and securing appropriate financing to cover all relocation, renovation and servicing expenses.

The Peterborough Rugby Club approached the City's Community Services Department to request approval to relocate the Clubhouse to Nicholls Oval, and to inquire about financial partnership with the City to make this venture possible.

At the September 7, 2010 Committee Of The Whole meeting, staff presented report CSRS10-008, "Relocation of the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse to Nicholls Oval". The report addressed the following points:

- Historical Significance of the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse
- Peterborough Rugby Club's Significance to the City
- Proposed Clubhouse Location In Nicholls Oval
- Required Work Within Nicholls Oval Park
- Project Phasing
- Rugby Club's Request For Financial Assistance
- Lease Agreement
- Neighbourhood Consultation
- Recommended Options

At its meeting held September 13, 2010, Council approved the following, in response to report CSRS10-008:

- i) That the sale of the Peterborough Lawn Bowling Club's Clubhouse facility to the Peterborough Rugby Club be considered an acceptable adaptive reuse of the facility;

- ii) That costs totalling up to \$31,500 be charged to the Heritage Implementation Plan account for the relocation of the Clubhouse to Nicholls Oval if required;
- iii) That staff include a 2011 Capital Budget Project in the Draft 2011 Capital Budget for the new Council's consideration to provide a grant and an interest-bearing loan to the Peterborough Rugby Club, to assist with expenses in excess of their original capital reserve investment, their acquired Trillium Funding, and any funds issued by the City in 2010 to support this project for Council's consideration;
- iv) That the proposed relocation of the Clubhouse facility to Nicholls Oval Park, be approved in principle;
- v) That City staff be directed to prepare a 50-year land lease agreement with the Peterborough Rugby Club to situate the Clubhouse in Nicholls Oval Park, and that a by-law be prepared for Council review;
- vi) That for a period up to November 30, 2015, the City accepts donations, issues income tax receipts to donors, and deposits all monies received in an interest-bearing account held by the City in support of the Peterborough Rugby Club's fund-raising efforts.

Submitted by,

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