



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of The Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2010

SUBJECT: Report APRAC10-028
Replacement of the Ontario Winter Games Sign at Legacy Bowl

PURPOSE

A report to introduce a presentation from representatives of the 1998 Ontario Winter Games Organizing Committee, and to seek direction regarding the replacement and rewording of the aging 1998 Ontario Winter Games sign, located at Legacy Bowl.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC10-028 dated September 21, 2010, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That a presentation by the Chair and Vice Chair of the 1998 Ontario Winter Games be received;
- b) That direction be provided to Staff regarding the replacement and rewording of the 1998 Ontario Winter Games commemorative sign.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

BACKGROUND

In 1998, Peterborough hosted the Ontario Winter Games. As a permanent recognition of this accomplishment, a sign was placed at the Legacy Bowl, located within Knights of Columbus Park.

In August 2010, the Vice Chair of the 1998 Ontario Winter Games Organizing Committee contacted the Recreation Division, on behalf of himself and the Chair to inquire about the possibility of replacing the aging sign. Photos of the sign in its current condition are attached as “Appendix A” and “Appendix B”. While the sign is still legible, its over-all condition is deteriorating.

It is the Chair and Vice Chair’s intent for the replacement sign to be the same size and design as the existing sign. However, they are requesting that the new sign be dedicated to the memory of the 1998 Games Coordinator, Barry Larock, who passed away in 2010. To accomplish this, they are requesting the phrase “In Memory of Barry Larock” be added to the replacement sign. Mr. Larock’s family have been consulted and they provided their support for this recognition.

It is well known that Mr. Larock was a City Employee for several years. However, his involvement with the 1998 Winter Games predated his employment with the City. The Vice Chair of the Organizing Committee has made it clear to City Staff that the request to dedicate the sign to Mr Larock’s memory is strictly in honour of his role as Games Coordinator of the 1998 Ontario Winter Games.

Hosting the 1998 Ontario Winter Games was a major event in the City’s history, which has been commemorated through appropriate signage for the past 12 years. The condition of the existing sign justifies replacement, in the near future.

Staff is sensitive to the fact that other requests have been received from members of the public to commemorate their deceased loved ones through various plaquing and dedication means. Staff has been unable to accommodate such requests in the absence of a formal commemoration program. As such, on June 15, 2010, staff presented report APRAC10-021 (Commemoration Requests) to the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (APRAC). Per the approved recommendations of that report, Staff will be reviewing the short and long-term implications of initiating a commemoration program. A report will be created providing recommendations based on

those implications. However, it will take considerable time for such a review to be completed, as it is not currently included in divisional work plans.

Staff request that APRAC consider the following factors in relation to the request to include the phrase “In Memory Of Barry Larock” on the replacement sign:

- The Chair and Vice Chair of the 1998 Ontario Winter Games Organizing Committee deem Mr. Larock’s contribution to those games to be significant enough to dedicate the replacement sign to his memory;
- The existing sign requires replacement prior to the completion of a review of the short and long-term implications of initiating a commemoration program. Therefore, the next opportunity to consider this request would be delayed until such time as the replacement sign requires replacement. It is expected the replacement sign will have a minimum lifespan equal to the existing sign, which is now 12 years;
- The sign itself is a commemoration of a significant event in the City’s history. The inclusion of additional commemorative wording regarding Mr. Larock is simply recognition of an individual’s contribution to that event.

Based on the considerations above, Staff would support permission being granted to allow the phrase “In Memory Of Barry Larock” to be included on the 1998 Ontario Winter Games replacement sign.

The Vice Chair of the 1998 Ontario Winter Games Organizing Committee has committed to raise the required funds. Therefore, there will be no cost to the City for the replacement of this sign.

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

Submitted by,

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Appendix A – Wide Angle Photo of the Existing 1998 Winter Games Sign

Appendix B - Zoom Photo of the Existing 1998 Winter Games Sign