



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Arenas Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services

MEETING DATE: April 19, 2011

SUBJECT: Report APRAC11-017
Sustainable Peterborough Presentation

PURPOSE

A report to inform the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee on the Sustainable Peterborough initiative.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC11-017 dated April 19, 2011, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

That the report and presentation from Ken Doherty, Co-Chair of Sustainable Peterborough, be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications in receiving this report or presentation.

BACKGROUND

In response to Report CSD09-002 dated April 6, 2009, (Appendix A) City Council endorsed the Sustainable Peterborough Steering Committee's proposal to apply to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for funding to develop an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan for the City, County, Townships, perhaps the two local First Nations, and the Community, with an environmental focus. Council also endorsed the Greater Peterborough Economic Development Corporation (GPAEDC) as the lead applicant and the City of Peterborough as lead municipality.

In December 2009, the FCM confirmed a \$200,000 grant from its Green Municipal Fund towards the project. Subsequently, the province's Rural Secretariat also confirmed a \$29,000 contribution. Later in 2010, Trillium also announced its support by granting \$128,974.60 to cover logistical and staffing support for this regional collaborative project. Together with the initial \$8,000 grant from the Community Foundation and the City's direct contribution of \$80,000, there is now a budget of \$445,974.60, plus dedicated in-kind support from the City, County, Townships, and Community partners to support the development of an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan for the area.

As a result of a GPAEDC-administered Request for Proposals, Land Use Research Associates Consulting (LURA) from Toronto, in association with Grant Consulting and Hardy Stevenson and Associates Limited, was awarded the contract. This experienced team developed the highly acclaimed Severn Sound Sustainability Plan (which included Simcoe County, Orillia, and Muskoka). They have worked with The Blue Mountains and the Town of Huntsville on their plans, and last year began a similar project with Huron County. This team is used to developing sustainability plans within multiple jurisdictions, while balancing urban and rural environmental concerns.

The Project Consultants have been working with the Sustainable Peterborough Steering and Community Stakeholder Committees since last summer. They have assessed the current conditions and are now primed to launch an extensive round of public consultations throughout the region. The chair of Sustainable Peterborough, Ken Doherty, and perhaps a representative from LURA will attend the meeting and provide a brief overview of the public engagement process.

Submitted by,

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Attachment: Appendix A - Report CSD09-002