



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator

MEETING DATE: June 21, 2011

SUBJECT: Report APRAC11-023
Urban Ecology Centre

PURPOSE

A report to introduce a presentation from Peterborough Green-Up on a proposal to construct an Urban Ecology Centre in Peterborough.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC11-023 dated June 21, 2011, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That the presentation by Peterborough Green-Up be received for information; and
- b) That the proposal to construct an Urban Ecology Centre in Peterborough be endorsed, in principle; and
- c) That Staff be directed to investigate the viability of constructing the Centre, in the proposed location, within Farm Crest Park

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no budget or financial implication to the City, as Peterborough Green-Up would be responsible for all expenses related to construct and maintain the Urban Ecology Centre.

BACKGROUND

Peterborough Green-Up has approached City staff with a proposal to construct an Urban Ecology Centre within a section of Farm Crest Park, located across the street from the Peterborough Utilities building, on Ashburnham Drive. Please see Appendix “A” for a map depicting the proposed location.

The Centre would act as a venue for the expansion of programs offered through Ecology Park, such as but not limited to horticulture greenhouse activities, workshops, and training space.

Staff has invited Peterborough Green-Up’s Manager of Ecology Park and Landscape Programs to provide a presentation to the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, detailing their proposal.

Community Services Staff recommends that the proposal to construct an Urban Ecology Centre within Farm Crest Park be endorsed in principle, pending a further review of the viability of constructing the Centre, in the proposed location. Such development in this area could generate opportunity for additional community activities to be introduced in Farm Crest Park.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:
Appendix “A” - Map of Proposed Site for the Urban Ecology Centre