



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 APRAC11-024
Nicholls Oval Neighbourhood Association

PURPOSE

A report to inform the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee of a request to establish a Neighbourhood Association in the Nicholls Oval Park neighbourhood.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC11-024 dated June 21, 2011, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

That City staff be directed to assist in the establishment of a Neighbourhood Association for the Nicholls Oval Park neighbourhood.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of report APRAC11-024.

BACKGROUND

The City's Recreation Division Staff have met with Councillor Riel and two community representatives who have expressed an interest in establishing a Neighbourhood Association in the Nicholls Oval Park Neighbourhood. At this time, their main interest is to rejuvenate the splash pad within the Park. Subsequently, the two representatives have submitted written correspondence to the Chair of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (APRAC). Please find the correspondence attached as Appendix "A".

The Recreation Division is recommending that City Staff work with the two community representatives to establish a Neighbourhood Association for the Nicholls Oval Park neighbourhood. Assisting in the Establishment of Neighbourhood Associations is a Council approved activity, within a program known as Community Assistance.

Briefly described, Community Assistance funding provides opportunities for partnerships between the City and neighbourhood or community associations, school councils, sport groups, service clubs, and/or corporate sponsorships. The community agency/group must contribute a minimum of 15% of the estimated total project cost. By providing funding in a cooperatively financed method, the City is able to develop new recreational services and/or install or upgrade existing playgrounds with equipment in a more efficient, cost effective, and timely fashion.

Once established, the Neighbourhood Association will identify and prioritize the project(s) they wish to pursue. In cooperation with City Staff, the project(s) will be reviewed, and cost estimates established. When the Neighbourhood Association has raised a minimum of 15% of the projected cost, a report will be presented to APRAC recommending specific funding for a specific project(s).

All approved Community Assistance projects are tendered in accordance with the City's Purchasing By-law 10-132.

Submitted by,

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Attachment: Appendix A – Correspondence Addressed to the Chair of APRAC