

TO: Members of Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services

MEETING DATE: October 18, 2011

SUBJECT: Report APRAC11-038

Municipal Government Presentation

PURPOSE

A report to receive a presentation on an overview of Municipal Government.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (APRAC) approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC11-038 dated October 18, 2011, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

That a presentation on an overview of Municipal Government by the Director of Community Services be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no direct budget or financial implications resulting from this report.

BACKGROUND

Municipal government in Ontario provides the majority of direct services affecting the daily lives of residents. This level of government is recognized as the most accessible

and transparent. Unfortunately, however, it is also the level of government that the average person knows the least about.

This presentation has been developed by the Director of Community Services for City appointed Advisory Committees/ Boards, and for organizations receiving Investment and Service Grants. It provides a broad overview on the number and types of municipalities, their relationship with the Province, and their mandated responsibilities. It provides more specific details on the City's corporate structure, including its decision-making and budgetary processes. And, it provides a context for the important role that City-appointed Boards and Advisory Committees play within that decision-making matrix.

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