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**Peterborough**

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**TO:** Members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Mary Gallop, Manager of Facilities & Special Projects

**MEETING DATE:** March 20, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Report APRAC12-008  
Tollington Parks Endowment Fund – Water Play Park

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## **PURPOSE**

A report to provide an annual statement for the Tollington Parks Endowment Fund and to designate additional funds to the Water Play Park for Rogers Cove for the period of 2011 to 2012 inclusive.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC12-008 dated March 20, 2012, of the Manager of Facilities & Special Projects, as follows:

- a) That the annual statement of disbursements for the Tollington Parks Endowment Fund be received for information; and
- b) That the Water Play Park for Rogers Cove be designated as the recipient of the Tollington Parks Endowment Fund disbursements for the periods 2011 and 2012 inclusive.

## BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

At December 31, 2011, the City held a balance from the Tollington Parks Endowment Fund in the amount of \$436,003.48 that includes the 2011 Disbursement in the amount of \$70,126.42 and interest earned of \$3,862.00, as described in Appendix A to APR12-008.

The Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee previously approved Report APR-PW08-001 from March 18, 2008 to allocate Endowment disbursements to 2010 inclusive to the accessible children's water play facility.

By adopting the recommendation of Report APR12-008, the disbursements in years 2011 and 2012 will increase the allocation by approximately \$147,984.94 to support Capital Budget Project Number 6-7.01 to construct an accessible children's water play facility. A summary of the Tollington Fund Disbursements is as follows:

<b>December 31, 2007 Balance Forward</b>	<b>\$162,260.41</b>
2008 Actuals	\$ 71,316.64
2009 Actuals	\$ 60,664.29
2010 Actuals	\$ 67,773.72
2011 Actuals	\$ 73,988.42
<b><i>2012 Estimated</i></b>	<b><u>\$ 73,996.52</u></b>
<b>Estimated Total to 2012 Inclusive</b>	<b><u>\$510,000.00</u></b>

## BACKGROUND

From its inception in 1996, the Tollington Parks Endowment Fund has provided support funding for two major projects. In 1998-99, \$88,248.84 was drawn from the annual Disbursements to the City from the Endowment Fund to cover the construction cost of the Tollington Bridge in Beavermead Park. In 2005, \$383,000 was drawn from the annual Disbursements to the City to support the construction of the Rotary Trail Bridge at Trent University. At December 31, 2011, the City held a balance from Disbursements from the Endowment Fund in the amount of \$436,003.48. There is a principle balance of \$2.13M from which the annual Disbursements to the City are generated.

The Trust Agreement clearly articulates the intent and use of the Fund as follows:

- *To keep invested the TOLLINGTON PARKS ENDOWMENT FUND or the amount thereof remaining from time to time and to pay therefrom annually so much of the income as, in the discretion of the Trustees, is required or beneficial*

*for the maintenance, improvement, beautification, operation and expansion of public parks open to members of the public without charge, and to include but not be limited to open parkland, public zoological or botanical gardens, waterfront parks and general recreational areas and facilities located in the municipal boundaries of the Corporation of the City of Peterborough as they may exist from time to time.*

- It is not the intention of the Settlor that the income from the TOLLINGTON PARKS ENDOWMENT FUND shall operate so as to relieve the taxpayers of the City of Peterborough of normal budgetary payments for Parks purposes as provided in the years gone by, but to, in fact, supplement the income of the City so as to provide a high standard of parks services to the people of the City of Peterborough...*
- The Trustees shall not be required to expend all of the income from the TOLLINGTON PARKS ENDOWMENT FUND annually and in the event that all of the net income from the TOLLINGTON PARKS ENDOWMENT FUND is not expended in any year, the same may, in the Trustees discretion, either be capitalized or expended as income in the following year or years provided that any income not expended within five years from the date of its receipt shall, in any event be capitalized, and provided that after a date of twenty-one (21) years from the date of the death of the settlor all income shall be paid to the City and used for the purposes set out in sub-paragraph (a)...*
- The Trustees may, in their absolute discretion, after twenty (20) years from the date of this agreement, pay all or such part as they think fit of the capital of the TOLLINGTON PARKS ENDOWMENT FUND to the City... for the purpose of the acquisition and development of additional Public parks or making improvements to existing public parks within the then existing municipal boundaries for the City or its successors.*

Projects funded by the Trust must meet with the approval of Council and Trustees of the Endowment Fund in accordance with the Trust Agreement.

## **The Water Play Facility**

City Staff have been working on improving facilities for persons with a disability in conjunction with the Council for Persons with a Disability (CPD). The CPD targeted children's playgrounds as an area needing improvement. As a first step, the City installed an accessible 'dry' playground at Rogers Cove Park. This initiative was completed in 2008 and included play features that challenged both gross and fine motor skills. The playground has been well received by the community.

An accessible children's water play facility was identified by the Recreation Sub-committee of the CPD. The Sub-committee reviewed the city's public beaches and saw that there were limited opportunities and great expense to make either Roger's Cove or

Beavermead Park fully accessible to children in wheelchairs. Additionally, the inconsistencies of water quality at the beaches made modifications to these facilities a less desirable option.

The Sub-committee did feel that an accessible children's water play facility would be an appropriate alternative to the public beaches and offer outdoor water facilities for children with a disability in the summer. This type of facility also provides opportunities for integrated children's play, which the Committee strongly supported.

The 2010 Little Lake Master Plan also supported the water play facility. Following extensive community consultation, the Plan recommended that the existing washroom facility, that does not meet current building guidelines contained in the Accessibility for Ontarians with a Disability Act, be replaced with an accessible public washroom/changeroom. The Master Plan also recommended that the Peterborough Scouts boating activities at Brownsea Base in Del Crary Park be relocated to Rogers Cove and that the washroom/changeroom building be expanded to include boat storage. This shift in boating activities to Rogers Cove fits in nicely with the newly constructed boat launch and dock at Mark Street.

The APRAC approved the accessible children's water play facility from report APR-PW08-001 and approved endowment disbursements up to 2010 to be set aside for this project. The current report and recommendation contained herein is requesting that two additional years of disbursements, 2011 and 2012, be approved so that the project can be completed and available for community access by summer of 2013. The cost of the full project, including the expanded boat storage facilities, is projected at \$1,010,000. The 2011-2012 Tollington fund disbursements will bring the contribution to \$510,000 which will be matched by \$500,000 from the City's approved capital budget for this project.

## **Timelines Moving Forward**

Staff fully support the recommendation and feel the new facilities at Rogers Cove will add a unique dynamic to the park. A design for the park features will be presented at a public open house late-Spring/early-Summer to receive community feedback. Following public input, the modifications to Rogers Cove Park can be under construction by late-fall and the opening of the new water play facility ready for summer 2013.

Submitted by,

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Attachment: Appendix A – December 31, 2011 Tollington Parks Endowment Fund

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**APPENDIX A**

**CITY OF PETERBOROUGH**

**TOLLINGTON TRUST FUND**

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**Statement of continuity for the period ended December 31, 2011**

<b>Balance at beginning of year</b>	<b>\$362,015.06</b>
<b>Capital receipts</b>	
-Deposits	\$70,126.42
-Transfers from other trusts	\$0
Interest earned	\$3,862.00
 <b>Expenditures</b>	
-Withdrawals, purchases	\$0
 <b>Balance at year end</b>	 <b><u>\$436,003.48</u></b>