



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2012

SUBJECT: Report APRAC12-006
Peterborough County City Health Unit Presentation on Smoke-Free Parks

PURPOSE

A report to introduce a presentation by the Peterborough County City Health Unit on the final stage of the implementation of smoke-free parks.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC12-006 dated May 15, 2012, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

That a presentation by representatives of the Peterborough County City Health Unit on the final stage of the implementation of smoke-free parks be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of report APRAC12-006.

BACKGROUND

In May of 2010, Council approved amendments to By-Law 07-126 (the Smoking By-Law) to prohibit smoking and holding lighted tobacco products within defined City-owned outdoor public spaces, as follows:

- Within a 9-metre radius surrounding any public playground, beach, wading pool or splash pad, effective July 1, 2010;
- Within a 9-metre radius surrounding any sport field or Skateboard Park, effective May 1, 2011;
- Within all City parks, except for areas designated to allow smoking and/or to hold lighted tobacco products, effective May 1, 2012.

Staff was directed to undertake a public campaign in cooperation with the Peterborough County-City Health Unit (PCCHU) to promote smoke-free outdoor spaces, with emphasis on the amendments to By-Law 07-126. On May 16, 2011, By-Law 07-126 was repealed by By-Law 11-074 (attached as Appendix "A"), which retained the amendments made to By-Law 07-126, as identified above.

The PCCHU has the authority to enforce the Smoking By-law and has played a major role in public education on this matter. With the final phase of the implementation of smoke-free parks taking effect in 2012, Jane Hoffmeyer, Health Promoter with the PCCHU Tobacco Use Prevention Program, and Ingrid Cathcart, Provincial Offences Officer - Smoke Free Ontario Act have requested an opportunity to give a presentation to the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee on the final stage of implementation.

Submitted by,

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Appendix A – By-Law 11-074