



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator

MEETING DATE: June 19, 2012

SUBJECT: Report APRAC12-022
City Owned Property at 675 Johnston Drive

PURPOSE

A report to seek input from the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee on potential recreational uses for the City owned property at 675 Johnston Drive, within the City of Peterborough.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC12-022 dated June 19, 2012, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee provide staff with suggestions for potential recreational uses of the City owned property located at 675 Johnston Drive, at the September 18, 2012 meeting; and
- b) That staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of those potential recreational uses, and report back to the Committee at a future meeting.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no financial or budget implication resulting from the approval of the recommendations of Report APRAC12-022.

BACKGROUND

The City has owned the 1.7 acre riverfront property located at 675 Johnston Drive since the year 2000. This property has not had any formal use since the City acquired it twelve years ago. As such, it is unutilized, fenced, and locked. Staff recognizes that this site has the potential to serve as a venue for outdoor recreational activities, and is seeking suggestions from the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (APRAC) on possible uses. Please see Appendix “A” for an aerial view of the property.

The City acquired the property 2000 from the Krescendos Drum and Bugle Corp, who used the property as a practice ground and banquet hall, from the time they purchased it in 1987. Prior to that, the site was home to the Riverside Marina, dating back to 1965. There is a grated metal boat launch is still in place along the shoreline. However, the stability of the launch would need to be investigated. The property is mostly grass covered, with an aging paved driveway and parking area located in the middle of the property, and a concrete pad to the south end of the property. The Otonabee River borders the east side of the property, Johnston Drive borders the north side, and private residences abut the west and south sides of the property. The private residence to the west is approximately eight feet off the property line. Please see Appendix “B” for photos of the site.

Prior to the City acquiring the property, a phase 1 and a limited phase 2 environmental assessment was conducted by Site Investigation Services Limited (SISL). Based on the historical information gathered, data obtained during the site inspection, and the intrusive investigation, SISL found no evidence that significant environmental impacts exist on the property.

Staff is requesting that the members of APRAC offer suggestions for potential recreational uses of this property. To provide sufficient time to APRAC members to formulate suggestions, Staff would be pleased to receive such feedback at the next regularly scheduled APRAC meeting, on September 18, 2012. Staff will then investigate the feasibility of the proposed suggestions report back to APRAC at a future meeting.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:
Appendix A – Aerial View of 675 Johnston Drive
Appendix B – Photos of 675 Johnston Drive