



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator

MEETING DATE: October 16, 2012

SUBJECT: Report APRAC12-030
Various Recreation Division Matters

PURPOSE

A report to provide information on various Recreation Division matters, pertaining to the development of the off-leash dog park, parking concerns at Del Crary Park/Marina, and the rugby clubhouse construction project.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC12-030 dated October 16, 2012, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

That Report APRAC12-030 be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of Report APRAC12-030.

BACKGROUND

Off-Leash Dog Park

On July 30, 2012, Council approved Farmcrest Park as the location to establish an off-leash dog park. While the site preparation work was approved to begin, Staff was directed to prepare and return a subsequent report to Council for approval of a final site plan. The final site plan will be comprised of a dog park layout, signage, fencing, and parking.

The dog park site is located in a flood plain. Therefore, a permit from the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority (ORCA) is required before site preparation work can begin. The permit was approved by ORCA and provided to City Staff on September 25th. In addition to the ORCA permit, service locates must be completed. At the time this report is being prepared, the necessary service locates had been ordered. Upon completion of the service locates, site preparation activities can begin.

All supplies and services required to complete the site preparation are being donated by local suppliers and contractors. The Peterborough Dog Owners Association (PDOA) is covering the costs of signs, fencing, and waste receptacles.

City representatives and the PDOA have met several times since July 30th to address details of the site plan. Staff is aiming to present a report to Committee of the Whole on November 5, 2012, proposing a final site plan.

Parking Concerns at Del Crary Park/Marina

On July 5th, Recreation Staff were asked by a member of Council to review the necessity to continue to allow vehicles to drive or park within Del Crary Park, in the area east of the Marina and along the north/south corridor between the park entrance and the Holiday Inn.

With the increasing number of seasonal boat slip rentals at the Marina over the past few years, the demand for daily parking space at Del Crary Park has increased. There were 59 seasonal boaters in 2012 compared to 22 in 2008. The demand is even greater during the months of July and August, when the Little Lake Musicfest (LLMF) events occur on Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

Staff has been able to alleviate some of the concern by providing all of the seasonal boaters, and staff from the Marina, Restaurant, and the Lift Lock Cruises with parking passes for the Del Crary Park parking lot. This eliminates the need for these individuals to park in the identified areas of concern. Moveable pylons are positioned strategically to the west of the Marina building to deter vehicles from being driven to the area of the park on the east side of the Marina. Production vehicles associated with the LLMF concerts will continue to be granted access to the area behind the Fred Anderson stage, as required on the days of their events.

On evenings when the LLMF event occurs, the LLMF has exclusive use of the parking lot for their sponsors, displacing the seasonal boaters. In September, Staff met with the LLMF, who is looking into alternative parking options. Those discussions will continue to establish a mutually acceptable solution.

Rugby Clubhouse Construction

The work to connect the utility services to the clubhouse was complete, as of Saturday September 22nd, allowing the process to re-establish the interior roadway to begin. Public Works division is consulting with the Engineering division to determine the exact curvature and placement of the reconstructed interior roadway. Once established, Public Works will complete the preparation work. The paving of the roadway will be completed by a contracted service provider, in the Spring of 2013. If it is necessary to remove any trees to accommodate the interior roadway, replacement trees will be planted in an alternate location. Once the roadway is reconstructed, the general public's use of that area of the Park will be returned to normal.

Submitted by,

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