



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 APRAC12-028
Presentation by the Peterborough Baseball Association**

PURPOSE

A report to introduce a presentation by executive members of the Peterborough Baseball Association on their desire to establish a partnership with the City to develop two additional adult sized baseball diamonds within the City of Peterborough.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (APRAC) approve the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC12-028 dated October 16, 2012, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That a presentation by executive members of the Peterborough Baseball Association on a proposal to partner with the City to develop two additional adult sized baseball diamonds be received for information;
- b) That Staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of partnering with the Peterborough Baseball Association to develop two adult sized baseball diamonds, and report back to APRAC at a future meeting; and
- c) That it be endorsed that the City accepts donations, issues income tax receipts to donors, and deposits all monies received in an interest-bearing account held by the City in support of the Peterborough Baseball Association's fundraising efforts.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendations of report APRAC12-028.

BACKGROUND

The Peterborough Baseball Association (PBA) met with City Staff on October 2, 2012. The purpose of the meeting was to initiate discussions on the possibility of partnering with the City to establish two additional adult sized baseball diamonds within the City of Peterborough. The PBA has subsequently submitted a letter to APRAC, which is attached as Appendix “A”, formally requesting such a partnership be established. The PBA also provided details on field sizing, which is attached as Appendix “B”.

Staff has requested that the PBA make a presentation to the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (APRAC) on October 16, 2012 regarding their proposal to partner with the City on this venture.

Staff recognizes that Riverside Ball Diamond located within James Stevenson Park is the only existing adult sized baseball diamond in the city, and that the demand for its use exceeds its capacity. Teams from the bantam age and up require adult sized diamonds. Leagues are having to book time on ball diamonds outside the City in order to accommodate their needs.

Staff would be pleased to investigate the feasibility of partnering with the PBA to develop the additional baseball diamonds, and to report back to APRAC at a future meeting.

The PBA is committing to partner financially. Their fund raising strategy will include an effort to solicit donations from individuals or groups. The PBA is not a registered charitable organization and cannot issue income tax receipts to donors. However, if a partnership with the PBA is approved, the City has the ability to accept donations, issue income tax receipts to donors, and deposit all monies received in an interest-bearing account held by the City in support of the PBA's fundraising efforts.

Submitted by,

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Appendix A – Correspondence from PBA

Appendix B – Field Sizing Details