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Arena/Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Peterborough Baseball Association has a shortage of field space available for its youth players. The league cannot expand and we are forced to turn new players away due to a lack of official sized diamonds in the city.

Currently, we only have one official sized baseball diamond within city limits. At the age of 13, youth players are required to play on a diamond consisting of 90 foot bases. Currently in Peterborough, we have one official sized diamond. That diamond is currently being used by the Recreation League, Peterborough Baseball Association, Peterborough River Dogs and the school boards. With only one diamond available to play on between these leagues, diamond time is a constant issue. For the Peterborough Baseball Association alone, our Midget Rep team is not given any diamond time for practices. Without proper practice, our players cannot grow in the sport. The Peterborough Baseball Association is very limited with the number of youth that we can register in the program. In fact, we must turn youth away due to the lack of properly sized diamonds available.

We have a dream of building a baseball sports complex for the youth of Peterborough. This facility will include two new diamonds, field lights, dugouts, change rooms, and batting cages. By building this facility, we can introduce the sport of baseball to more youth in the community and we can host Ontario Baseball Association sanctioned tournaments, which will help build tourism in the City of Peterborough. We will also have an opportunity to build competitive baseball programs at both the high school and university levels.

To show that we are serious about this proposal, we have taken the time to do some research with regard to sizing of fields and approximate cost on a project of this size. Please see attached documents for additional information.

"If we build it, they will come." We strongly believe this statement. By building this facility we can provide the youth baseball players of Peterborough an elite facility where they can be active and properly learn the sport. We cannot do this by ourselves though. We are looking to partner with the City of Peterborough to negotiate land space and help us finance this dream. The Peterborough Baseball Association is willing to give 110% to this project. We are willing to partner when it comes to planning, negotiating, financing, fundraising, and all other actions required to get this project off the ground. We strongly urge the City to partner with us in this endeavor. There is power in numbers and by joining together we can, and will make this project a success.

We want to thank you for your time and consideration to our proposal and we look forward to working closely with you to make this dream a reality.

Sincerely,

The Executive of the Peterborough Baseball Association

Costing

Cost to construct adult sized diamond - \$275,000 (incl. pitchers mound, full infield, grass outfield, warning track, full sized backstop, outfield chain link fencing, etc.)

Cost to irrigate the field - \$40,000

Cost to light diamond - \$210,000

Players dugout (2) - \$18,000 or players benches \$2,000

Storage bunker (1) - \$8,000

Spectator seating for up to 100 (portable bleacher) - \$8,000

Gravel parking lot for up to 100 cars - \$65,000 (add safety night lighting in parking lot - \$16,000)

Paved parking lot \$200,000 for up to 100 cars

Washroom building with small canteen \$375,000

Washroom building with canteen and 4 change rooms (incl. showers) \$1,000,000