



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Sue Warrington, Arenas Division Manager

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2012

SUBJECT: Report APRAC12-035
Arena Needs Assessment

PURPOSE

A report to provide information on the upcoming Arena Needs Assessment.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC12-035 dated November 20, 2012, of the Arenas Division Manager, as follows:

That report APRAC12-035 and a verbal presentation by the Arenas Division Manager regarding the Arena Needs Assessment be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of report APRAC12-035. There are sufficient funds within the approved 2012 capital budget to accommodate the expenses associated with the Arena Needs Assessment (Budget reference # 6-6.14).

BACKGROUND

There are currently four arenas within the City of Peterborough, those being the Memorial Centre, the Kinsmen Civic Centre, the Evinrude Centre, and Northcrest arena. All four arenas are municipally owned and operated. The Arenas Division in collaboration with the Recreation Division is in the process of initiating an Arena Needs Assessment, in response to the approved 2012 capital project number 6-6.14 (Business Evaluation - Arena Needs Assessment).

The over-all ice/floor time on the six pads is scheduled to approximately 97% occupancy (17,224 hrs annually) during prime time and approximately 44% (7,057 hrs annually) during non-prime time. The arenas also provide meeting space to accommodate both community and private events/functions. The arenas have 11 major tenants, 21 major user groups, and approximately 100 regular and individual user groups.

Staff estimates that by 2015 the Northcrest Arena will have reached its maximum life span. Due to the age and over-all condition of the Northcrest Arena, investment in costly repairs and/or renovations is not viable. The remaining three arenas will not be able to accommodate the current demand for arena use, once Northcrest is closed. In addition to current arena uses, Staff has been unable to accommodate requests of emerging sports over the past few years, such as Roller Derby and winter Lacrosse. All current uses and emerging trends must be identified and considered when determining the appropriate replacement facility for the Northcrest Arena.

As of October 23, 2012, a Steering Committee has been established to guide the Arena Needs Assessment project. The next step is to prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) to secure a consultant to conduct the Arena Needs Assessment and provide recommendations. The assessment will identify the viability of each existing facility as well as the future arena participation trends and demands in the City of Peterborough and surrounding area. The findings and recommendations will be presented to the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for input and subsequently to Council for direction.

The Steering Committee views the Needs Assessment as phase one of the process. Phase two will be a Feasibility Study, which will build off of the findings of the Arena Needs Assessment. The Feasibility Study will provide an arena provision strategy that offers recommendations for future development, service levels, capital and operating implications, potential sources of funding, partnership direction, and an implementation plan including a schedule for development, and identification of preliminary steps to implement the arena provision strategy.

Submitted by,

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