



City of
Peterborough

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

FROM: Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator

MEETING DATE: November 20, 2012

SUBJECT: Report APRAC12-037
Gold Rating for Peterborough Marina under the Marina Green Leaf Eco-Rating Program

PURPOSE

A report to inform that the Peterborough Marina received a Gold rating under the Marina Green Leaf Eco-Rating Program.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC12-037 dated November 20, 2012, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

That report APRAC12-037 be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of Report APRAC12-037.

BACKGROUND

Boating Ontario, along with over twenty marine industry professionals from Ontario's boater and angler associations formed the Clean Marine Partnership to develop a voluntary program of "Environmental Best Practices" for the marine industry that is recognized as the leader in North America. Since 2001, Boating Ontario member marinas have been enrolling in the Clean Marine Program to ensure that their marinas are following these environmentally sound practices and protecting our waterways for all to enjoy.

Each of the Clean Marine Program marinas must pass a comprehensive environmental audit to ensure compliance with the program standards set out in the Clean Marine Operations Handbook. This handbook, developed through the cooperation of Boating Ontario, Environment Canada and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment sets out more than 200 environmental practices that cover all aspects of marine operations from fueling to waste oil, shrink-wrap and paper recycling, to money-saving initiatives such as energy conservation.

Each marina is audited by Greenleaf, a third party firm who provides the marina with a detailed report on their compliance with the standards of the Clean Marine Program. Results of this audit are converted to a five point Eco-Rating system, with a low of one, and a high of five green leaf anchors. In 2009 upgraded standards were added to allow additional levels of achievement, to Gold, Diamond and Platinum 5-anchor status.

The Peterborough Marina was one of the few marinas in Ontario to receive five Gold green leaf anchors, resulting in a Gold rating through the Green Leaf Eco-Rating Program. The Peterborough Marina achieved this rating by meeting the following criteria:

- Over 90% of its lighting is converted to compact fluorescents or similar high efficiency lighting
- Participate in a local environmental initiative
- Employees attend a Spills Containment course and have an approved Spills Kit at the dock
- Educated customers on the Clean Marine Program with a minimum of three communications pieces
- Ensure all boaters renting slips sign an environmental commitment pledge

The award of this Gold rating, which is effective September 2012 to September 2016, indicates the Peterborough Marina has made a significant commitment to environmental improvement.

Submitted by,

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