



City of
Peterborough

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

FROM: Terri Lynn Johnston, Permitting Recreationist

MEETING DATE: March 19, 2013

SUBJECT: Report APRAC13-012
Permitting of New Artificial Sport Fields

PURPOSE

A report to inform the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee of the permitting process for the new artificial fields being constructed in 2013, at Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School, and Fleming College.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC13-012 dated March 19, 2013, of the Permitting Recreationist, as follows:

That report APRAC13-012 be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of report APRAC13-012.

BACKGROUND

Permitting Policy

The permitting policy utilized by the Recreation Division for the allocation of outdoor recreational facilities, including sport fields, was developed in 1989, with input from sport user groups. The permitting policy provides a mechanism to ensure user groups will retain first right of refusal of the same field using the same schedule as the preceding year. The exception would be if a league reduces the number of its teams, resulting in a reduction of required field time. Requests from user groups must be submitted by January 31 of each year. This process ensures the league schedulers are aware of the number of fields allocated to them, and what days and times they will continue to play, from year-to-year.

For many years, the Recreation Division has requested that leagues do not expand on the number of teams they have, unless they can accommodate the additional growth within their current allocation of fields. Available prime-time use on the existing fields is virtually non-existent. However, many leagues have continued to make the request for additional field allocations, to no avail.

Permitting of New Artificial Sport Fields

The development of the one artificial rectangular field and athletic track at TASS and the two artificial rectangular fields at Fleming College has generated great excitement among the user groups. It is anticipated that the artificial field and track at TASS will be open and ready for play when the school year begins in September 2013. The two fields at Fleming College will not be ready until November 2013. Therefore, there may be very little activity, if any, on the Fleming Fields in 2013.

The permitting of all three fields and the athletic track at TASS will be facilitated by the City's Recreation Division. To prepare for the potentially significant change in field usage as a result of the new artificial fields, the Permitting Recreationist undertook a survey of rectangle sport field user groups in the fall of 2012. The intent was to determine which leagues will use the new fields, and what their allocation needs will be. This enables the Permitting Recreationist to identify which leagues she will need to meet with, to discuss the artificial field allocations. That process is currently underway.

Priority Use of the Artificial Fields by User Groups

The Kinsmen Minor Football League (KMFL) and the Peterborough Youth Soccer Club (PYSC) are partnering in the development of the new artificial fields by providing significant financial contributions. The KMFL is supporting the TASS field development, while PYSC is contributing to the Fields at Fleming College. Therefore, they will have opportunity to select allocation times at their respective fields, prior to other community user groups. Once their allocations have been confirmed, the Permitting Recreationist will be able to schedule time to other user groups.

School Board Use of the TASS Field

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPR) has identified that they require use of the TASS field weekdays before 6:00 pm and on Friday evenings through to 11:00 pm. KPR does not require use of the field during the months of July and August.

College & City Use of the Fields at Fleming

There are two fields being constructed at Fleming College. One will be designated as the College field and one will be designated as the City field. The City and College will schedule their use of one field on or before the 1st of April each year.

In the event that no City user group has been booked to use the City field, the College will have the right to book the City field for its use. In the event that no College user has been booked to use the College field, the City will have the right to book the College field for use by a City user group or School Board.

Accommodating Unanticipated Events

If a conflict in scheduling occurs as a result of major sporting event being secured/awarded that could not, with foresight, have been scheduled prior to confirming City, KPR, and College use of the fields, all parties will work together to accommodate the event and resolve the resulting scheduling conflicts.

Scheduling Impact on Existing Natural Turf Fields

The introduction of the artificial fields provides opportunity to take natural turf fields out of play in September of each year, by re-scheduling activity to the artificial fields. This will allow Public Works to perform the necessary maintenance before the cold weather arrives, which will preserve the quality of the playing fields and promote good field conditions the following spring. Traditionally, leagues have played on these fields seven days per week from early May until early November, which has inhibited proper field maintenance and recovery time.

Hourly Permitting Fees

The hourly permitting fees were established to be consistent with the fee schedule utilized by Trent University, for their artificial turf field. Trent University owns the only existing artificial turf field in the City. A chart identifying the approved 2013 hourly permitting fees for the sport fields and field lighting is included below. The fee schedule will be reviewed annually by KPR, Fleming College, the City, and Trent University.

2013 Artificial Turf Field Permitting Rates

Field Class	Hourly Rate/HST
April 1 to June 1 (1-9 bookings)	85.00 + HST = \$96.05
Apr 1 to Jun 1 (10+ bookings)	60.00 + HST = \$67.80
June 1 to August 31 (1-9 bookings)	65.00 + HST = \$73.45
June 1 to August 31 (10-19 bookings)	55.00 + HST = \$62.15
June 1 to August 31 (20+ bookings)	45.00 + HST = \$50.85
September 1 to March 31 (1-9 bookings)	85.00 + HST = \$96.05
September 1 to March 31 (10+ bookings)	60.00 + HST = \$67.80

2013 Field Light Rates

Artificial Field	20.00/hr + HST = \$22.60
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