

TO: Members of the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory

Committee

FROM: Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator

MEETING DATE: April 16, 2013

SUBJECT: Report APRAC13-015

Presentation by the GAME ON! Foundation

## **PURPOSE**

A report to introduce a presentation by representatives of the GAME ON! Foundation, about their mission to build mini-NHL ball hockey rinks in communities across the country.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC13-015 dated April 16, 2013, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

That a presentation by the GAME ON! Foundation be received for information.

## **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of report APRAC13-015.

## **BACKGROUND**

The GAME ON! Foundation's mission is to bring the game of hockey back to the grassroots level, making it accessible to all Canadians. To accomplish this, they propose building outdoor mini NHL rinks in communities across Canada. Eventually, they would like to expand the program internationally, bringing the game to children living in impoverished countries.

The GAME ON! Foundation is proposing to work with corporate and community partners to construct 4-6 ball hockey rinks per community. Their vision is to see both organized and passive use of the rinks. To fulfill the organized use component, the GAME ON! Foundation is committed to establish affordable youth and adult ball hockey leagues and tournaments. They intend to allocate the proceeds from organized use activities towards rink maintenance, and construction of future rinks.

On March 13, 2013, City Staff met with representatives of the GAME ON! Foundation, who identified they are hoping to establish the rinks on City owned land. However, they are not seeking a financial contribution from the City for the development or ongoing maintenance of the rinks.

The GAME ON! Foundation has requested an opportunity to make a detailed presentation to the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, on April 16, 2013.

Submitted by,

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