



City of
Peterborough

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

FROM: Phil Jacobs, Supervisor of Parks and Forestry

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2013

SUBJECT: Report APRAC13-030
Risk Management Measures at Bower's Park Backstops

PURPOSE

A report to inform the members of the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee of the Risk Management Measures being undertaken at Bower's Park backstops.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (APRAC) approved the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC13-030, dated September 17, 2013, of the Supervisor of Parks and Forestry, as follows:

That the report be received for information purposes.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Community Assistance Capital Account (Reference #6-1.01), has been accessed to hire Permanent Fence Ltd. to supply, deliver and install additional fencing to each of the four backstops at Bower's Park for an amount of \$21,054.60 (including HST).

BACKGROUND

The Recreation Division and Public Works Division over the last ten plus years have received numerous complaints from user groups that foul balls have injured spectators including children. The Recreation Division has received one injury claim from a spectator in 2013. Upon investigating why foul balls are an issue at Bower's Park, it was discovered the home plates are installed outside of the backstop dimensions and foul balls could exit the diamonds backwards easily towards spectators. There is not enough space to move the home plates backwards and it is permissible to install fencing by adding onto the existing backstops extending outwards by five feet.

The Public Works Division received two quotes to add onto the existing backstops at the four diamonds at Bower's Park. The additional fencing will be installed in September of 2013 to address Risk Management Measures at Bower's Park as described in this report.

Submitted by,

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