



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2013

SUBJECT: Report APRAC13-026
Provincial Concussion Strategy

PURPOSE

A report to provide information on the Government of Ontario's Concussion Strategy, and its impact on the City of Peterborough.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC13-026 dated September 17, 2013, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

That report APRAC13-026 be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of report APRAC13-026.

BACKGROUND

In March of 2012, the Ontario Government introduced the Ontario Concussion Strategy, to build awareness about concussions. This is a multi-ministry strategy, which involves the collaboration of the Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport, the Ministry of Education; and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The goal of the strategy is to ensure that Ontarians have access to high standards of sport safety and concussion awareness in all spaces where they participate in sport and recreation activities. The Provincial Government invited stakeholders to participate in the development of the strategy, including Sport Alliance Ontario, Sport4Ontario, Coaches Association of Ontario, Parks and Recreation Ontario, and the Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario.

The Ontario Government recognizes that government has a role to play in helping to ensure that everyone who supports athletes and recreation participants, as they play and compete, has easy access to current, accurate and useful information and resources. Building on the government supported work to create the Ontario Physical Education Safety Guidelines, the Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport has developed Concussion Guidelines for the sport and recreation community. These guidelines can be accessed at www.ontario.ca/concussions and can be used as a resource for organizations and municipalities to develop their own concussion guidelines.

The Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport requires all recreation providers and Provincial/Multi-Sport Organizations that receive funding from the Ministry to adopt a risk management policy, including concussion prevention and management. The Recreation Division receives \$22,000 annually from the Ministry in After School Program (ASP) funding. In order to continue to receive the ASP funding, the City must develop and adopt a concussion policy. To meet the Ministry requirement for continued ASP funding, the policy must be completed and approved by City Council, prior to September 2014.

Various staff from the Recreation Division, Risk Management Division, and the Corporate Policy Division have initiated the process to develop the policy.

Submitted by,

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