



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 APRAC13-027
Off Leash Dog Park Update

PURPOSE

A report to provide an update on the Off Leash Dog Park development.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC13-027 dated September 17, 2013, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

That Report APRAC13-027 be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of Report APRAC13-027.

BACKGROUND

On November 13, 2012, Council approved the recommendation of Report CSRS12-009 - Off Leash Dog Park Final Site Plan, as follows:

That the site plan for the off-leash dog park within Farmcrest Park comprised of the park layout, fencing, signage, and parking, as identified in Report CSRS12-009 be approved.

Following the site plan approval by Council, permits were obtained from ORCA (Otonabee Region Conservation Authority) to conduct the work necessary to correct the drainage issues at the site. Councillor Vass then moved forward on his commitment to secure donations/assistance from local contractors and businesses, to prepare the land at no cost to the municipality or the Peterborough Dog Owners Association (PDOA). A list of those who contributed is attached as Appendix "A".

The PDOA had given a deadline of August 15, 2013 for the site to be prepared. Once completed, they could determine whether or not the work to correct the drainage issues made the site suitable for use as a dog park. The work was completed by the end of July, 2013, and on August 15th the PDOA membership voted to accept the site.

With the site prepared, the PDOA can now proceed with the fence construction and sign installation. At the time of this report being prepared, the PDOA was in discussion with various fencing contractors, to determine the most appropriate type of fence to install.

The original plan was to install the fence using cedar fence posts, by pounding the posts five feet into the ground. While the surface is sufficiently dry, the fence contractor who has been working with the PDOA identified a concern that the ground condition below the surface is not appropriate for that type of fence installation.

Since the type of fencing was included in the site plan approved by Council, any amendments to the fencing would need to be approved by Council. If needed, Staff will prepare such a report for Council's consideration.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:

Appendix A - List of contributors to the Preparation of the Dog Park Site