



City of
Peterborough

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

FROM: Phil Jacobs, Supervisor Parks and Forestry

MEETING DATE: November 19, 2013

SUBJECT: Report APRAC13-034
Parks Maintenance Upgrades

PURPOSE

A report to inform the members of the Arenas, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee of current Parks maintenance upgrades occurring at various locations.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Arenas, Parks, and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC13-034 dated November 19, 2013, of the Supervisor – Parks and Forestry, as follows:

That report APRAC13-034 be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of Report APRAC13-034.

BACKGROUND

The Public Works Division is responsible for the maintenance and upgrades to existing City owned recreational outdoor facilities. The following maintenance and upgrades have been initiated and are at various stages of completion;

James Stevenson Park

The dugouts at Riverside Ball Diamond within James Stevenson Park are in need of serious repair. As a consequence, they currently retain water in rainy weather. The Riverside Diamond is the premier baseball diamond within the City. In order to upgrade this important facility, Senior Administration approved the installation of two precast concrete dugouts to replace the existing dugouts. The new dugouts will be 120 square feet larger than the existing dugouts, and will be built 6" above grade. New concrete foundations will be built to house the precast concrete dugouts. The work is scheduled to be completed by Jan. 1, 2014.

Nicholls Oval Park

The Peterborough Rugby Club moved the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse to Nicholls Oval Park in 2011. To accommodate the construction of the new Clubhouse facility, a section of the interior paved ring road in Nicholls Oval was excavated. The Public Works Division is responsible for reconstructing the road and this work is scheduled to be completed by Dec. 31, 2013.

Trent Severn Waterway - Canal (between Lock 20 and Lock 21)

The Public Works Division, at the direction of Council, contracted services to remove weeds within the Trent Severn Waterway, between Lock 20 and Lock 21. The weed removal was completed by Nov. 1, 2013.

Millennium Park

At the September 17, 2013 meeting of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, a delegation was received requesting a refresh to the gardens in Millennium Park. The delegation was made by three representatives, who participated in establishing the Chaisson Pond, the Teachers Monument, and the Irish Monument, within Millennium Park.

As a follow up action the Parks and Forestry Supervisor and the Horticulture Foreman met with the three delegates and a representative of the Butterfly Garden on October 22, 2013, to discuss the maintenance issues identified by the delegates at the September meeting. Minutes of that meeting were recorded and retained by the Parks Supervisor, with copies issued to each monument representative. The outcome of the meeting resulted in twelve action items being developed, which will be addressed in 2014. The minutes of that meeting are attached as Appendix "A".

SUMMARY

The Public Works Division is committed to providing solid maintenance practices to all outdoor recreational facilities. The maintenance and upgrades listed in this report are examples of actions taken to meet that commitment.

Submitted by,

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Appendix A – Minutes - October 22, 2013 meeting with the Monument Representatives