



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

From: Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator

Meeting Date: January 21, 2014

**Subject: Report APRAC14-002
2014 Community Assistance Projects**

Purpose

A report to request the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee's endorsement of the 2014 Community Assistance projects and related funding allocations.

Recommendations

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC14-002 dated January 21, 2014, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That partnering with Soul Beach Volleyball, through the Community Assistance Program, to establish two additional beach volleyball courts in Beavermead Park, in 2014, at an estimated cost to the City of \$18,260 be endorsed;
- b) That Staff be directed to:
 - i) Assist the residents of the Stewart Park neighbourhood to establish a neighbourhood association, with the goal of constructing a children's play structure within Stewart Park, through the City's Community Assistance Program; and
 - ii) That Staff be directed to report back to the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee once the association is established, the type of play structure is identified, and the estimated cost is determined.

Budget and Financial Implications

If recommendation (a) is approved, the estimated cost to the City is \$18,260, which can be accommodated within the approved 2014 Community Assistance Capital budget (budget reference # 16-1.01).

There is no immediate budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of recommendation (b) (i) or (b) (ii). Once the estimated financial commitment from the City is determined, an additional report will be provided by Staff, seeking approval to commit the funds from the Community Assistance capital budget.

Background

Community Assistance Program

Community Assistance funding provides partnership support to enable voluntary community agencies or groups, including sport groups, to improve municipal parks and/or school playgrounds, serving a community need at a relatively low cost for the City. The community agency/group is required to contribute a minimum of 15% of the estimated total project cost. The City then considers the balance of the expenses for funding under the Community Assistance fund. Annual allocations are considered by the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for specific projects, depending upon the completion of the various community groups' fund raising drives.

2014 Recommended Community Assistance Projects

Two Additional Beach Volleyball Courts in Beavermead Park

In July 2013, City staff met with representatives of the Soul Beach Volleyball organization, about establishing two additional beach volleyball courts in Beavermead Park. They would like to establish the new courts immediately north of the two existing courts. An aerial photo depicting the proposed location of the courts is attached as Appendix "A".

For the past two seasons, Soul Beach Volleyball has been renting the existing beach volleyball courts in Beavermead Park to operate a youth volleyball program. Their program focuses on not only developing beach volleyball players, but also on active lifestyles and character traits such as honesty, perseverance and positive attitudes, thus developing the individual as a whole.

A maximum of fifty participants can be accommodated on the existing two courts. Soul Beach Volleyball had to turn away 30 individuals who wanted to participate in the program in 2013.

If the additional courts are developed in the spring of 2014, Soul Beach Volleyball is confident their number of participants will reach 100 for the 2014 season. In addition to the needs of Soul Beach Volleyball, the Invado Volleyball organization also operates a league for youth and adults at the existing beach volleyball courts. Invado partnered with the City on the development of the existing courts. The courts are also well utilized by the general public for casual, unstructured activity.

The work to construct the two additional courts can be conducted by the Public Works Division. They have provided an estimate of \$21,482 to complete the project. Soul Beach Volleyball has raised their 15%, leaving the City's contribution at \$18,260, which can be accommodated within the approved 2014 Community Assistance capital budget (Budget reference # 6-1.01). Staff recommends the project proceed as early as possible in the spring of 2014.

Children's Play Structure at Stewart Park

In 2013, a group of neighbours of Stewart Park worked with the Peterborough Community Garden Network to establish a community garden in Stewart Park. The creation of the garden helped bring the neighbourhood together, and has increased positive activity within the park. The individual who championed the garden has garnered support from a few other neighbours to establish a formal neighbourhood association. Their goal is to continue to improve their neighbourhood park, by partnering with the City on the construction of a children's play structure.

Staff is seeking direction from APRAC for Staff to work with the residents of this neighbourhood to help them establish a neighbourhood association. Once the association is established, the type of play structure is identified, the estimated cost is determined, Staff will report back to APRAC on the details of the play structure and to seek endorsement to allocate Community Assistance funds, upon the neighbourhood Association raising their financial contribution.

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Attachments:

Appendix A – Aerial Photo Identifying placement of the Beach Volleyball Courts in
Beavermead Park