

To: Members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory

Committee

From: Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services

Meeting Date: March 18, 2014

Subject: Report APRAC14-018

Bee Friendly Communities

Purpose

A report to receive a presentation on Bee Friendly Communities.

Recommendation

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC14-018 dated March 18, 2014, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

That the presentation on Bee Friendly Communities, by Susan Chan from Farms at Work, be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budgetary or financial implications in approving this recommendation.

Background

Susan Chan, from a rural advocacy agricultural group, Farms at Work, has requested an opportunity to address the City's Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee on the importance of pollinating bees. She will advise that increased plantings of appropriate vegetation in City parks and along trails will encourage survival of bees, and therefore, pollination of local crops.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:

Appendix A – A Landowner's Guide to Conserving Native Pollinators in Ontario