



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

From: **Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator**

Meeting Date: **April 15, 2014**

Subject: **Report APRAC14-019
Peterborough Horseshoes Club**

Purpose

A report to inform of concerns brought to the attention of City Staff by the Peterborough Horseshoes Club.

Recommendations

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC14-019 dated April 15, 2014, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

- a) That Report APRAC14-019 be received for information; and
- b) That any potential leads on non-city owned indoor facilities, suitable for the sport of horseshoe throwing during the winter months, be identified to Staff.

Budget and Financial Implications

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendations of Report APRAC14-019.

Background

The Peterborough Horseshoes Club (PHC) was formed in 1973 and has been active each year since its inception. In its first three years, it operated at the Scottish Club. For the past 37 years its home has been at the Peterborough Naval Association on Whitlaw Street. The club has twenty new, well lit pits allowing for both day and night-time play.

The PHC has recently contacted City Staff to make two inquiries, as follows:

1. Will the PHC be permitted to continue their Horseshoes activities at the Naval Association property when the City takes ownership of that property in approximately nine years?
2. Does the City own or are Staff aware of any indoor facility that would be suitable for the PHC to utilize for their activities during the winter months? Currently, they utilize a privately owned facility. However, the length of time that facility will continue to be available to the PHC is uncertain.

Use of the Naval Association Property Once Ownership Transferred to the City

Staff has informed the PHC that it is anticipated the Community Services Department will become responsible for the current facilities at the Naval Association property, when the City exercises its option to purchase the property in approximately nine years time. Staff also anticipates that the City will wish to see the Horseshoes club activities continue at that site.

In the event that circumstances change and that a move to an alternative site would have to be considered, the City would be prepared to assist with determining an alternative site, and would cover the cost of relocating the horseshoe pits.

Facilities Available for Winter PHC's Winter Use

Unfortunately, the City does not own, nor are Staff aware of any privately owned indoor facilities that would be suitable for the sport of horseshoe throwing.

Staff is seeking input from the members of the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, as to whether they are aware of any possible facility owners that the PHC could be referred to. Staff will be pleased to relay any potential leads to the PHC.

Submitted by,

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