



City of
Peterborough

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

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

Meeting Date: **July 16, 2014**

Subject: **Report APRAC14-031
Concussion Awareness and Management Policy**

Purpose

A report to seek input on a draft corporate Policy for Concussion Awareness and Management.

Recommendation

That the Arenas parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC14-031 dated July 16, 2014, of the Recreation Division Coordinator, as follows:

That input be provided on the corporate policy for Concussion Awareness and Management, as attached as Appendix "A" of Report APRAC14-031.

Budget and Financial Implications

There is no budget or financial implication resulting from the approval of the recommendation of Report APRAC14-031.

Background

Ontario Concussion Strategy

On March 6, 2012, the Ministry of Education (MEDU) along with the Ministries of Tourism Culture and Sport (MTCS) and Ministry of Health and Long-term Care (MOHLTC), announced the [Ontario Concussion Strategy](#). The Strategy positions Ontario as a leader in increasing awareness, prevention, identification and concussion management in schools and the sport and recreation communities.

The Strategy includes the following three components:

The introduction of legislation (Bill 39) that would help protect Ontario students engaging in school sports and health and physical education classes from the potentially serious, long-term and harmful effects of concussions. It would also ensure that students who sustain concussions are not returning to play or to learn too soon.

The development of evidence-informed resources targeted to people of all ages, within schools and outside of schools. The resources will aim to increase awareness about the prevention, identification and management of concussions.

An approach developed by the MTCS to ensure Provincial and Multi-sport Organizations and community sport and recreation providers have concussion protocols which are consistent to those required by Ontario School Boards.

Municipal Implications

The City of Peterborough is considered to be a community sport and recreation provider, as per the Ontario Concussion Strategy. City Staff recognizes that a standardized approach to concussion awareness and management is a key step in providing for the care of those participating in sport, recreation, or leisure activities provided by the City or on the City's behalf. Educating parents/guardians and participants regarding concussion awareness and management can significantly reduce the potential for and severity of concussions.

In response to the Strategy, Staff has drafted a Concussion Awareness and Management Policy, which is attached as Appendix "A". The Policy will apply to any supervised sport, recreation, or leisure activity provided by or on behalf of the City for which there is a registration process. Staff is requesting input from the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee on the draft policy, prior to seeking Council's approval.

Timing of the Policy

In keeping with the Ontario Concussion Strategy, the MTCS has introduced a requirement for municipalities who receive Ministry funding to have a Council approved Concussion Awareness and Management Policy in place by September 2014, to be

eligible to continue to receive existing funding or to apply for future funding opportunities. The City currently receives a grant of \$1,467 per month from the MTCS through the After-School Recreation Program fund.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:
Appendix A – Concussion Awareness and Management Policy