



City of
Peterborough

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

From: **Rob Anderson, Recreation Division Coordinator**
Phil Jacobs, Parks and Forestry Supervisor

Meeting Date: **September 16, 2014**

Subject: **Report APRAC14-033**
Community Assistance Projects

Purpose

A report to provide an update on two Community Assistance projects, as follows: (1) repurposing the Knights of Columbus Park tennis court to a Pickleball court, and (2) constructing a children's play structure in Stewart Park.

Recommendations

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee endorse the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC14-033 dated September 16, 2014, of the Recreation Division Coordinator and Parks and Forestry Supervisor, as follows:

- a) That repurposing the tennis court located within Knights of Columbus Park for use as a Pickleball court continues to be supported, in principle, pending a follow-up report from Staff in February 2015;
- b) That the estimated \$34,000 (plus HST) representing the City's share of the expense to construct a children's play structure in Stewart Park be funded through the Community Assistance Program.

Budget and Financial Implications

If the recommendations of this report are approved, the estimated expense, in the amount of \$34,000 (plus HST), can be accommodated within the approved Community Assistance Program capital budget (reference 6-1.01).

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.

Pickleball Court at Knights of Columbus Park

At its meeting of June 17, 2014, the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (APRAC) approved the recommendations of Report APRAC14-029, as follows:

- a) That repurposing the tennis court located within Knights of Columbus Park for use as a Pickleball court be approved in principle;
- b) That Staff be directed to work with the local Pickleball group to determine the most appropriate method and estimated cost to repurpose the facility, and to report back to the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee in September 2014; and
- c) That the Pickleball court project be approved in principle as a Community Assistance project, pending the outcome of the actions identified in recommendation (b) of this report.

In accordance with the City Purchasing By-law, Staff has obtained four quotes to repurpose the tennis court to a Pickleball court. The estimated cost is \$24,000 (plus HST). This includes labour and supplies for the repairs, preparation, surfacing/colour coating, and installation of four sets of permanent net posts. Wind screening is not required as originally anticipated. Staff has determined that it would be prudent to install permanent net posts rather than relying on user groups to provide their own portable net systems. Portable nets left at the facility for general public's casual use may be susceptible to theft and/or vandalism. Additionally, it is less expensive to install the net

posts during the initial surface preparation stage. If installed at a later date, it would be necessary to remove and replace sections of the finished surface.

During discussions with the Pickleball group regarding the estimated costs, it was identified that not all members of the group were supportive of utilizing the community Assistance Program to complete the work to repurpose the tennis court. As such, certain members of the group provided an alternative proposal. The proposal is addressed to APRAC, and is attached as Appendix “A” for review by the Committee.

Staff has reviewed the proposal and does not recommend that it be supported. The court is a City owned facility, for which the City assumes responsibility of all ongoing maintenance, repairs, and eventual replacement. Therefore, all work on the facility needs to meet the City's standards. Proceeding with the project as per the submitted proposal will not accomplish this. Utilizing the Community Assistance Program as originally planned ensures those standards are met, that all warranties are in place, and any potential liability risk related to the work is covered.

Given the differing views among members of the Pickleball group, Staff has encouraged the group to establish itself as a formal sport organization, to encompass the activities of both indoor and outdoor Pickleball. A member of the Pickleball group has expressed an interest in taking the lead on that process, beginning in October 2014.

Staff believes this project is worthy of further consideration, and recommends APRAC continue to support the project in principle, pending a follow-up report from Staff in February 2015.

Play Structure at Stewart Park

At its meeting of January 21, 2014, APRAC approved recommendation (b) of report APRAC14-002, as follows:

- 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.

The neighbourhood Association has been established, and have participated in the selection of the features of the desired play structure. Staff has determined the estimated cost for supply and installation of the play structure to be \$40,000 (plus HST). The neighbourhood association has raised their 15%. Staff recommends that the balance of \$34,000 (plus HST) be funded through the Community Assistance Program.

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Attachments:
Appendix A – Alternate Proposal