



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: **January 27, 2015**

Subject: **Report APRAC15-002
Community Assistance – Pickleball Court in Knights of Columbus Park**

Purpose

A report to provide an update on the Community Assistance project to repurpose the Knights of Columbus Park tennis court to a Pickleball court.

Recommendation

That Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report APRAC15-002 dated January 27, 2015, of the Recreation Division Coordinator and Parks and Forestry Supervisor, as follows:

That the estimated \$20,400 (plus HST) representing the City's share of the expense to repurpose the tennis court located within Knights of Columbus Park for use as a Pickleball court be funded through the Community Assistance Program.

Budget and Financial Implications

If the recommendation of this report is approved, the estimated expense, in the amount of \$20,400 (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 September 16, 2014, the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (APRAC) approved recommendation (a) of Report APRAC14-033, 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.

Scope of the Project

In accordance with the City Purchasing By-law, Staff has obtained four quotes to repurpose the tennis court to a Pickleball court. The total 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.

Peterborough Outdoor Pickleball Association

As of the APRAC meeting held on September 16, 2014, Staff was still in discussion with the Pickleball group regarding the need to have the group establish itself as a formal organization. On October 6, 2014, Staff was notified that the Peterborough Outdoor Pickleball Association (POPA) had been formally established, and they had raised their minimum 15% financial contribution to the project. Staff recommends that the balance be funded through the Community Assistance Program. Work will proceed as early as possible in the spring of 2015, depending on conditions impacted by weather.

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