



City of  
**Peterborough**

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

**From:** Mary Gallop, Manager, Facilities & Special Projects

**Meeting Date:** February 24, 2015

**Subject:** Report APRAC15-007  
Trent Sports Field Project Update

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## **Purpose**

A report to discuss the sports field project proposed for Trent University.

## **Recommendations**

That the Arenas Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report APRAC15-007 dated February 24, 2015, of the Manager of Facilities and Special Projects, as follows:

- a) That the report of the Manager of Facilities and Special Projects be received, and
- b) That the Trent Sports Field project and partnership be endorsed and recommended to City Council.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

Council approved \$120,000 in Council Report CSRS14-001 to undertake the design work of a new field project at Trent University. An additional \$1.1 million has been approved in the 2015 capital budget (budget reference 3-2.01) for construction of the field project.

## Background

The Peterborough Baseball Association (PBA) has been seeking a new facility to accommodate youth baseball in Peterborough for a number of years. The PBA has one designated baseball field at Riverside Park and uses other multi-purpose ball diamonds in other parks across the City. The PBA initially requested two new diamonds for the City's consideration. The City was unable to respond due to a lack of suitable municipally-owned lands to construct athletic playing fields.

The President of Trent University sent a letter to the Mayor of Peterborough on January 9, 2014 supporting a partnership for a sport field project on Trent endowment lands (see Attachment A). Council approved an investigation into a partnership for a new sport field facility with the University on March 10, 2014 in Report CSRS14-001. Staff met with University officials to determine the type of partnership that may work on this project.

Trent University has property at Nassau Mills and Pioneer Road that currently contains an informal rectangular field previously used for soccer and Ultimate Frisbee. After investigation into this site, it was determined that only one hardball diamond could fit on the site where the existing field is, and the rectangular field can be shifted north (see Attachment B for concept plan).

The new Trent Field Project recommended includes a baseball diamond with lights and irrigation, a small parking lot to support the baseball diamond, and a rectangular sports field with lights and irrigation. It does not include the fieldhouse, which is beyond the available budget resources for the project.

The overall budget is \$1,220,000 for the project. It will be funded as follows:

- \$250,000 from Trent University, who will also be providing the land at no cost subject to the Trent University Board of Governors' final approval;
- \$150,000 from the PBA and the Peterborough Recreation Baseball Association; and
- \$820,000 from the City funded through capital levy, development charges and debenturing.

The operating partnership will see the City's baseball community as the primary user of the hardball diamond and will support youth baseball needs in the community. Additionally, the City's rectangular users (soccer, rugby, field lacrosse) will also be able to use the rectangular field during the May – August time period alongside Trent University user groups in a shared use capacity.

Staff sees the partnership with Trent as the most viable option for securing a new hardball diamond for the Peterborough Baseball Association and in providing an enhanced rectangular sports field. Together, these fields will provide greater quantity and quality of sport infrastructure opportunities. Once Council approves the 2015 budget resources for the Trent Field Project, staff will begin working on detailed design and construction in order to see the field ready for play in the 2016 season.

Submitted by,

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Attachments:

Attachment A: Letter from the Trent President to the Mayor  
Attachment B: Trent Field Project – Draft Concept Plan

**ATTACHMENT A: Letter from the Trent President to the Mayor**



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January 9, 2014

Mayor Darryl Bennett and Members of Council  
c/o City Hall  
500 George Street North  
Peterborough, ON K9H 3R9

Dear Mayor Bennett:

RE: Potential Partnership – New Official Size Baseball Diamond on Trent Lands

I am pleased to learn that the City is moving positively toward the creation of a new official size baseball diamond. Trent University has a very strong interest in partnering with the City and the Peterborough Baseball Association on this endeavour.

The University has now completed its Trent Lands Plan, which creates a comprehensive and inclusive long-term plan for its Endowment Lands over the next several years and decades, including parcels earmarked for community recreational opportunities.

My staff have recently been engaged with municipal staff in developing a preliminary design for this baseball diamond on Trent owned lands. The University will soon commence the process of determining the degree in which we can partner from a financial perspective. Be it understood that minimally we will be contributing the land required for the facility.

I look forward to our collaboration with the City of Peterborough on this exciting new initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Franklin".

Steven E. Franklin, Ph.D.  
President and Vice-Chancellor

cc. Steven Pillar, VP Administration and Finance  
Julie Davis, VP External Relations & Advancement





ATTACHMENT B: Trent Field Project – Draft Concept Plan




**NOTES**

1. FINAL LAYOUT AND CONFIGURATION OF BALL FIELD TO BE DETERMINED AFTER DETAILED TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY
2. ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO BALL FIELD LIGHTS AND FIELD HOUSE TO BE SINGLE PHASE DRAWN FROM PIONEER ROAD OR NASSAU MILLS ROAD
3. WATER FOR IRRIGATION AND FIELD HOUSE TO BE SEASONAL FROM EXISTING SUPPLY AT GZOWSKI COLLEGE PARKING LOT
4. SANITARY DISCHARGE TO EXISTING MAIN
5. PARKING LOT TO BE CONSTRUCTED USING LOW IMPACT DESIGN PRINCIPLES

1.	Preliminary	Dec. 13, 2013
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Project No. \_\_\_\_\_  
**PROPOSED CITY BALL FIELD  
AT TRENT UNIVERSITY**  
CITY OF PETERBOROUGH

Sheet No. \_\_\_\_\_  
**FACILITY FIT PLAN**

Scale	1:1000
Date	DECEMBER 2013
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