

## **Volleyball Programs in Scarborough**

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Date:</b>             | April 17, 2007   |
| <b>To:</b>               | Community Development and Recreation Committee                           |
| <b>From:</b>             | Brenda Librecz, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division |
| <b>Wards:</b>            | Scarborough District   |
| <b>Reference Number:</b> |  |

### **SUMMARY**

---

An article in the Toronto Sun indicated that the number of volleyball programs in the Scarborough District has declined since amalgamation. Volleyball programs have increased in the District, but have fewer participants. It should be noted that less than 10 participants remain on the waitlist for the programs.

Course fees have increased, as have costs to operate the programs. These factors include part time staff wages, charges to utilize school facilities and the creation of a standardized user fee model for the City of Toronto.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There are no financial implications resulting from the receipt of this report.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

At its meeting of April 2, 2007, the Community Development and Recreation Committee adopted item CD 3.9 and requested the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report back on the decline of volleyball programs in Scarborough.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cd/decisions/2007-04-02-cd03-dd.pdf>

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

On April 1, 2007, an article in the Toronto Sun made reference to a decrease in volleyball programs in Scarborough. There have been changes in fees and program delivery since amalgamation.

## **COMMENTS**

In comparing 1997 (pre-amalgamation) volleyball information to 2006 volleyball information, the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division is offering 6 more courses in the Scarborough District than in 1997.

In 1997, the former City of Scarborough offered 17 volleyball courses in Scarborough and had a total of 680 participants. This was an average of 40 participants per class. The registration fee was \$40.00 for 2.5 hours for 12 weeks or \$1.33 per hour.

In 2006, the City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division offered a total of 23 volleyball courses in Scarborough and had a total 582 participants with fewer than 10 participants on a wait list. This was an average of 25 participants per class. The smaller class size facilitates more participation by participants in volleyball games. The registration fee was \$50.00 for 2 hours for 10 weeks or \$2.50 per hour.

In the nine years since amalgamation, the cost of running these programs has increased. Prior to amalgamation, the former City of Scarborough was able to utilize school space free of charge through a Joint Use Agreement with the Scarborough Board of Education. Charges by the school board vary with the type of facility and age group utilizing the space. As an example, the City is charged \$15.50 per hour for the use of a double gym for evening usage during weekdays for adult volleyball programs. Part-time staff wages have increased by approximately 3% each year since amalgamation.

## **CONTACT**

Don Boyle, Director, Community Recreation, Tel: 416-392-7252, Fax: 416-395-0105, Email: [dboyle@toronto.ca](mailto:dboyle@toronto.ca)

Susan Bartleman, Manager, Community Recreation, Scarborough District, Tel: 397-4686, Fax: 416-392-3350, Email: [SBartlem@toronto.ca](mailto:SBartlem@toronto.ca)

## **SIGNATURE**

---

Brenda Librecz  
General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation