



## RECREATION SERVICES MEMORANDUM

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**TO: MAYOR J. LEHMAN, AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**FROM: ROB BELL, MANAGER RECREATION FACILITIES**

**NOTED: BARB ROTH, DIRECTOR RECREATION SERVICES**

**D. MCALPINE, ACTING GENERAL MANAGER, COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

**M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**RE: ONTARIO RECREATION FACILITIES ASSOCIATION - PRESIDENT ELECT**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2017**

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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide members of Council with the notification that the Ontario Recreation Facilities Association (ORFA) has elected Mr. Ed Greer, Recreation Facilities Coordinator at the Holly Community Centre, to the volunteer position of 'President Elect' for the association.

The Ontario Recreation Facilities Association Inc. (ORFA) was created in 1947 and incorporated in 1951 as a provincially-recognized, not-for-profit, volunteer-driven recreation organization.

Today, ORFA has over 6,000 members who operate and manage recreation facilities in municipalities, educational institutions, government agencies, First Nations communities and in the private recreation sector.

The core business of ORFA is research and dissemination of information that has value to the recreation facilities profession. The goals of ORFA include:

- Strategic Alliances - Review existing agreements to reconfirm value, as well as establishing new mutually beneficial alliances with similarly positioned organizations that furthers our core business and creates positive net results.
- Membership Services - Promote the value of membership in ORFA to retain the existing members and broaden representation from other sectors.
- Marketing and Communication - Collect, create and distribute information and resources to keep our members and professionals in the broader facilities sector informed. Reinforcing the ORFA brand in all marketing and communications.
- Professional Development and Recognition - Review, design and deliver professional development opportunities that are linked to professional designations and that increase the effectiveness of professionals in the recreation facility vocation.
- Research and Development - Explore innovative initiatives to ensure ORFA offers leading products and services to meet or exceed sector needs.

The ORFA Board of Directors includes 4 Regional Director's, 2 Director's at large, a Corporate Director as well as a President, Past President and President Elect. All terms are 2 year terms for the positions on the Board of Directors.

Ed Greer has been an employee of the City of Barrie for 28 years, 18 of which have been as a full time employee. He is currently the Recreation Facility Coordinator at the Holly Community Centre. Ed has been a member of ORFA for 18 years.

Through the encouragement of staff development, Ed put his name forward for the Western Regional Director for the 2014-2016 term and he was successful in being elected to the board in this capacity. He continued on the board for the 2016-2018 term.



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Having obtained tremendous experience and knowledge through his 4 years on the Board of Directors, he put his name forward to become the President Elect. Through an election process, Ed was successful in being named the President Elect. Therefore, he will serve as President Elect and the Western Regional Director until December 7, 2017 whereby he will become the President of ORFA for the 2018-2020 term.

Having Ed represent the City of Barrie as a Regional Director over the past several years has been very beneficial for both Ed and the City of Barrie. Ed has formed many strategic alliances within ORFA and with other municipalities throughout Ontario.

Ed has also brought educational opportunities to the City of Barrie through ORFA. Ed is able to stay current on industry topics through his direct contact with ORFA. He has also assisted ORFA in revamping the Basic Refrigeration course into a remodeled course titled Basic Arena Refrigeration.

Congratulations to Ed Greer on his successful election to the President of ORFA and best wishes for future success.