

<b>STAFF REPORT:</b>	<b>RECREATION DEPARTMENT</b>
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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>April 28, 2008</b>
<b>REPORT NO.:</b>	<b>DOR. 08 14</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Renaming of Department</b>
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	<b>Shawn Everitt Director of Recreation</b>

**A. Recommendations**

**THAT Council approve the renaming of the Recreation Department to the Department of Recreation and Youth Initiatives.**

**B. Background**

Recently Staff has had discussions regarding an appropriate name for this Department. The recommendation to rename the Department has been made after discussions with CAO Paul Graham and Staff. In the past two years the Department has gained increased areas of responsibility. The Department now has the following under its jurisdiction.

- Beaver Valley Community Centre
- Moreau Park
- Tomahawk Recreation Complex
- Youth Initiative
- Town Trails
- Town Parks
- Town Waterfront Parks
- Town Waterfront Vistas
- Craigleith Heritage Depot
- Thornbury Clarksburg Union Cemetery and Pioneer Cemeteries
- Craigleith Community Centre and Ravenna Hall
- Thornbury Harbour

Due to the increase of areas that the Department is responsible for, including the recently approved Youth Advisor position and Youth Initiatives a more appropriate name was recommended. The Department of Recreation and Youth Initiatives will provide a specific relation to Councils commitment to the Youth Initiative as a priority. Other names for the Department such as Community Services as well as Leisure Services had been discussed however it was felt that

with “Recreation at its Peak” being a prominent piece of Town marketing and Recreation being a focal point to our community, Recreation is very important to remain in the Department name.

In addition, the Recreation Committee would be renamed the Recreation and Youth Initiatives Committee.

**C. The Blue Mountains’ Strategic Plan**

Providing a strong and well managed municipal government.

**D. Budget Impact**

None

**E. Attachment**

Respectfully submitted,

**TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS**

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Signature

**Shawn Everitt, Director of Recreation**