



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Pat Newson, Director of Recreation and Facilities
DATE: 05/06/2017
SUBJECT: Recreation and Facilities 06-05-2017 Department update
ATTACHMENTS: Program Flyers

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the Activity Report of the Director of Recreation and Facilities, dated June 5, 2017, for information purposes.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Director of Recreation and Facilities provides a monthly report of department activities and ongoing projects to keep Council informed.

DISCUSSION

Blyth Memorial Community Hall Renovation

A very successful Grand Re-Opening was held on Friday May 19, 2017. Special guests included:

- Provincial Deputy Premier Deb Matthews
- Reeve Neil Vincent
- Huron County Warden Jim Ginn
- Chair of Huron County's Ec. Dev. Board Jim Lynn
- Legion representative Ric McBurney
- Blyth Festival's Gil Garratt
- Blyth Arts and Cultural Initiative Director Peter Smith

The facility has been turned over to our tenants, however staff and the contractor continue to perform work at the facility, working through the final project items. Project wrap up is anticipated to continue through the summer as final invoicing and building manuals and as-built drawings are shared. A final report will come to Council once all billing and project items are completed.

Wingham Town Hall Theatre

The Wingham Town Hall Theatre committee held their Grand Re-Opening on Sunday May 28 at 2:00pm, featuring a special concert of local talent. The facility is now available for renters to host events and activities in the theatre. A final report will be coming to Council once all the committee work is completed. Currently work continues on installing upgraded LED lighting.

Parks

Wingham and Blyth Parks and Sports fields are open. The Legion is operating the Wingham Trailer Park. Ball and Soccer rentals are ongoing, however the Wingham Scouts have elected not to operate the Wingham Optimist Food Booth at the Ball Park this season. It has been a great partnership over the past few years, but due to lack of volunteers with their organization being able to support the booth, they have had to decline operating it this season. The department is open to any other group that would be interested in partnering on this service, however it is not

economical for the Township to staff the facility. It will remain closed until a new partner is identified.

Flowers are up in both Wingham and Blyth. Thanks to the assistance of the North Huron Public Works department. The Recreation department will be watering and caring for the flowers during the season.

Parks, Gardens and Trails are up and running and operational.

Blyth – Spring on the Trail Event May 13

Event was held as part of the Trail promotions with G to G. There were Pole Walking lessons, a Manhunt game, and Bike tour, all organized by volunteers.

May 14 was a celebration of the blooms – the Friends of the Village of Blyth hosted an event to share the tulip garden at the Horticultural Park in Blyth.

Blyth Campground

Threshers Log Cabin Veranda Project

Council was updated on the project progress in a report at the May 15 Council meeting. The agreement is complete and included in this agenda for Council's consideration to be adopted as by-law. The Huron Pioneer Threshers continue to work through the items of responsibility in the agreement prior to beginning construction.

Camping Events

Camping events-O.P.A. family campers -70 Units –May 19-21

Airstream campers-15 units-May 22-24

Barn Dance 200+ units– May 25-28

Aquatic Centre Renovation

Please see report under Department Reports in this agenda.

Day Camps

Staff are hired, registration has started, and the summer day camp programs are ready to roll. New this year are additional sports camps. The department has communicated at time of registration expectations of camper behaviour and consequences for non-compliance. This is gearing up to be another successful year for day camps.

Upcoming Events and Activities

- Attached to this report are a number of the programming flyers currently circulating about program offerings by the Recreation Department. Spring Summer is an extremely busy time for programming and preparing for summer programs.
- IPM Letter Kenny Show at the NHWCC Saturday June 10
- Musical Muskrat Festival at the Wingham Riverside Park June 9-11
- Alice Munroe Festival of the Short Story, June 2-4 in Wingham and Blyth

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Next department update report is Tuesday July 4, 2017.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Our community is Healthy and Safe

Our community is attractive and welcoming to new businesses and residents

Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence



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