



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: 04/12/2017
SUBJECT: Recreation and Facilities 12-04-2017 Department Update
ATTACHMENTS: Holiday Poster, Summer Day Camp Summary Report

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby accept the Activity Report of the Director of Recreation and Facilities, dated December 4, 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

Festival of Wizardry – Transfigured Town Inc.

Transfigured Town Inc. has signed a rental contract for the Blyth and District Community Centre, the Blyth Campground and all the associated outdoor spaces on the grounds, to host the 2018 Festival of Wizardry. The event will be held over three days, September 21-23, 2018. The dates have been moved earlier in 2018 for this event so that organizers can take advantage of the arena dry pad. In 2017 the ice was already in the arena at the time of the event.

This year the Friday will be available to both the public and school groups. The event continues to be a day time event (approx. 9:00-5:00pm). There are plans for an outdoor age of majority restricted area that will have an outdoor beer garden and include vendors that would be appealing to adult fans of the Festival. It is the intention of the organizers to include the community in their organizing plans as was done in 2017. They will be reaching out to the local service groups and BIA.

Wingham Police Station Roof

The Wingham Police station roof will receive a patch repair in the next couple weeks. Beldman Construction has been hired to repair the area where water is penetrating the roof. The cost of the repair is \$3,570. This price includes the rental of equipment to access the roof (lift). After assessment and discussions with contractors, the option to replace the roof, at this time of year, was not feasible. The options left was to do nothing or patch. It was decided to patch in order to mitigate further interior damage.

Marketing

The 2018 North Huron Recreation Guide will be distributed January 8. This guide is a re-vamp from the traditional guide and is intended to be used all year. Public can use the guide to learn what is available for recreation and leisure services in the Township, and then visit the web site for details on schedules and specific prices of programs. The department sold the ads and produced the guide using its own forces, rather than using a third party. As a result revenue from the ads will cover the cost of printing and distribution of the guide. The guide will be delivered by mail rather than in the

local flyers which will have greater impact during distribution, improved uptake and greater utilization of the on-line services.

North Huron Children’s Centre

Staff from the Facilities department and the North Huron Children’s Centre are working together on a small renovation of the preschool washrooms. The Children’s Centre manager is working to secure funding from Huron County and if approved the work will proceed over the Christmas shutdown of the facility. It is anticipated that there will be no impact to the North Huron budget. The goal is to increase the number of toilets and change stations in the preschool washrooms.

Recreation Summer Day Camp Program

Attached is a breakdown summary of the participation and budget results of the 2017 North Huron Summer Day Camp program. The program will require some revisions as the 2018 increase in minimum wage will significantly impact the cost of delivery. This will be discussed further during budget meetings with Council.

Upcoming Events

Attached is a flyer highlighting the events and activities taking place over the holiday season.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Next department update report is Monday January 15, 2018

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