



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: 06/06/2016
SUBJECT: Department Activity Report
ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the Activity Report of the Director of Recreation and Facilities, dated June 6, 2016, 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

Airport Feasibility Study

At the Council meeting on April 18, 2016 Council approved Option A from the Feasibility Study. To move the recommendation forward, Council requested a meeting with the Airport Committee and Council. The meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2016 at 7:00pm. Staff have begun preliminary meetings with two parties interested in building hangars at the airport. Once the details of the hangar have been approved, the lease agreement will come to Council for by-law authorization.

Complex Membership Marketing

In February and March of 2016 the centre hosted a 15 year anniversary celebration promotion. Most of the statistics were already reported to Council, but the staff continue to track the membership uptake as a result of the promotion:

- In the first six weeks post promotion we sold \$16,444.56 (121 people)
- In the second six week post period we sold \$3,561.96 (37 people)
- The total to date is 158 people & \$20,006.52.

Blyth Memorial Community Hall

The renovation project tender was released on Tuesday May 17. Four bidders attended the mandatory site meeting on May 25, 2016. The renovation committee also met on May 25th to continue to work through the final building renovation contingency items (displays, donor recognition, signage etc.). The project bids will be received until 2:00pm on Tuesday June 14. There will be a public opening at that time in the Council Chambers.

Wingham Splash Park

There have been a number of vandalism incidents at the Splash Park washrooms in May. Staff have met with Brandt Security about installing timed locks for the doors, and potential future options of security cameras.

Blyth Campground

Prior to the camping season staff were able to upgrade five hydro boxes at the Campground, as proposed by the Blyth Arena Board (pilot project) and the Barn Dance (matching dollars). The upgrades were successful and staff will be seeking opportunities for future upgrade funding. So far this season the following groups have used the campground.

- (a) Airstream Club – May 16 – 19 – 10 units X 3 nights/unit @ 19.47/night = \$584.10 + HST.
- (b) Spring OPA Family Campers and RVer's – May 20 – 23 – Final numbers are not in.
- (c) Barn Dance – May 26 – 29 – Final numbers not in yet

Healthy Kids Community Challenge

The upcoming theme for this County initiative is Water Does Wonders. The focus is on reducing children's consumption of sugar drinks, and replacing with water. Staff attended the Webinar on Healthy Beverages in Recreation Settings, and the Huron County Think Tank to gather support and ideas on how to have impact in Huron County through delivery of the HKCC initiative.

Parks

Work of staff and volunteers is ongoing in all the parks, trails, and gardens in the municipality. The main street flowers were delivered for each community and installed with the cooperation of the Public Works department.

The Friends of the Village of Blyth Parks have been working, volunteering in the parks and are formulating a plan for new planters on the main street. Staff are following up on their recommendations for additional garbage and recycle bins along the trails and in the parks.

Museum Building

Staff attended a meeting with the Friends of the Museum to discuss facility projects. The group has proposed a new exterior display to be installed on the north side of the building. Staff are gathering information and will be preparing a report for Council's consideration. Volunteers are installing new shelving on the third floor to improve storage of artifacts.

Department Software

Staff have reviewed the available products and will be preparing a report and recommendation for Council in July, with a goal of implementation and training in the fall. The target go-live date is January 2017.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Nothing to report.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Next scheduled Activity Report is scheduled for the July 4 Council meeting

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Our community is Healthy and Safe

Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.

