



## 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:** 05/03/2018  
**SUBJECT:** Recreation and Facilities 03-01-2018 Department Update  
**ATTACHMENTS:** March at a Glance Flyer, March Break Flyer

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the Activity Report of the Director of Recreation and Facilities, dated March 5, 2018 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**

#### **Programming**

The department is hosting a number of recreation activities in March. Attached to this report is the "March at a Glance" flyer and the "March Break" flyer.

Spring programs, including swimming lessons are now on-line for registration.

#### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Family-Fun-Apalooza-Winter-Luge-Athon 2018**

FamilyFunApaloozaWinterLugeAthon was held over the Family Day weekend (Feb 18&19). Events were held in Belgrave at the Community Centre on Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, and at the Blyth and District Community Centre and the North Huron Westcast Community Complex on Feb 19<sup>th</sup>. The event is a fundraiser for the North Huron Food Share, and food items and donations were collected as admission to the events. Ice time and programming is sponsored by the following organizations:

#### **Belgrave**

Breakfast - 306 breakfast served

Snow Volleyball (10 teams), Sleigh Ride, Balloon twister, Family Skate

Numbers reported over 400 attended.

#### **Blyth**

Breakfast - 182 breakfast served.

Skating 60 people

Face Painting 24 people

#### **Wingham**

494 visits to the NHWCC

Skating 220 people

Family Shinny 24 people

Family games over 100 people

Face Painting 74 people  
Swim 185 people

Support for the North Huron Food Share:

Wingham \$586.20 collected 4 bins of food

Blyth & Belgrave money raised not reported yet, 2 bins of food

Family-Fun-Apalooza-Winter-Luge-Athon Sponsors:

In order to support the costs of hosting this municipal event, the following service clubs and organizations donate funds to sponsor the different activities:

Blyth Lions – skating

Blyth Legion & Auxiliary - Face painting

Belgrave Arena Board – Sleigh Ride, Balloon Twister, Craft table, Skating

TCC-skating

North Huron - skating

Healthy Kids – swimming

Wingham Hort. Society – Face painting

The One, Classic Rock, CKNX – website/radio cut ins

**Marketing since Jan 15.**

The following department marketing initiatives have taken place since last report:

Wedding Showcase – Blyth Citizen – Shared ad with 14/19 Inc.

Mail out with Tax letters Pool Schedule/Family Day

Radio – 3 stations/one week/interviews/cut-ins/website for Family Day events

Radio – 3 stations/one week/interviews/cut-ins/website for March Break Madness/Registration for spring programs/On-Line registration

Circulation of March Break and March at a Glance Flyer through web site, social media, and posted on site.

**Blyth Memorial Community Hall**

Staff have been working to investigate the cause of the excessively large icicles that built up on Blyth Memorial Community Hall during the very cold weather over December and January. Attached is a report from the architect. The estimated cost of the fix and consulting is around \$25,000. This amount has been placed in the 2018 budget, and will draw from the project reserve to cover the expense. More details need to be worked through to confirm the project approach and costs, but at this time Council is receiving the initial report for information purposes.

**Richard W LeVan Airport Study**

Staff met with the Huron County Economic Development department, representatives from the Town of Goderich, and Explorer Solutions to review the report's recommendations and next steps. The report will be presented to the North Huron Economic Development Committee at their meeting on April 5, 2018.

## **NHWCC Memberships**

As per the Rates and Fees schedule adopted by North Huron Council for 2018, the fees for memberships at the NHWCC are increasing as of April 1. Emails are sent to everyone on pre-authorized payment to inform them of the increase.

 NORTH HURON		Membership Rates							
		2018 Price Increase							
Complete	Yearly				3 Month		1 Month		
	Paid Per Year		Paid Monthly						
	Current	April 2018	Current	April 2018	Current	April 2018	Current	April 2018	
Adult	\$528.00	\$542.40	\$44.00	\$45.20	\$159.00	\$163.30	\$64.00	\$65.70	
Senior/Student	\$420.00	\$432.00	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$126.00	\$129.40	\$51.00	\$52.40	
Adult - Spousal	\$924.00	\$949.20	\$77.00	\$79.10					
Senior - Spousal	\$756.00	\$776.40	\$63.00	\$64.70					
Family	\$1,068.00	\$1,096.80	\$89.00	\$91.40					
Fitness <u>or</u> Aquafit	Yearly				3 Month		1 Month		
	Paid Per Year		Paid Monthly						
	Current	April 2018	Current	April 2018	Current	April 2018	Current	April 2018	
Adult	\$420.00	\$432.00	\$35.00	\$36.00	\$126.00	\$129.40	\$51.00	\$52.40	
Senior/Student	\$324.00	\$345.60	\$28.00	\$28.80	\$101.00	\$103.70	\$41.00	\$42.10	
Swim <u>or</u> Court	Yearly				3 Month		1 Month		
	Paid Per Year		Paid Monthly						
	Current	April 2018	Current	April 2018	Current	April 2018	Current	April 2018	
All Ages	\$216.00	\$222.00	\$18.00	\$18.50	\$65.00	\$66.80	\$26.00	\$26.70	

## **Friends of the Village of Blyth**

Staff met with the representative of this volunteer organization to review their work plan for 2018. The volunteers have an ambitious plan to revitalize Horticultural Park in Blyth. They have also worked with staff to order the new bench and flower planter for Blyth. They continue to support the gardens, park spaces, and trail in Blyth and plan to attend an upcoming Council meeting in April to share their work plan for Council's approval.

## **North Huron Food Booths**

At the February budget meeting, North Huron Council directed staff to close the food booth service at the Blyth and Wingham facilities. Staff working at the booth have received notification of the closure, and the booth staff are not ordering any more food for the booth, unless it can be used in the vending machines after the booth closes. The booth equipment and infrastructure will be thoroughly cleaned and unplugged, and left intact and any equipment under contract will be returned to the vendors.

### **Huron Pioneer Threshers Campground Agreement**

Staff met with representatives of the Huron Pioneer Threshers organization on February 15. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16 to allow time for the Threshers organization to hold their meeting to discuss the agreement.

### **Alice Munro Public Library (Wingham Library)**

This facility was broken into on Sunday January 28th. The change box was taken with less than \$20 in value. The cost to repair the broken glass door was \$246.18 plus labour. Wingham Police have made arrests associated with this crime.

### **March Ice**

This season both Wingham and Blyth have bookings that will keep the ice in until at least March 26<sup>th</sup>. The Blyth and Brussels arenas switch annually to keep ice in after the first Monday in March. This year the Blyth ice is kept in to host Blyth Brussels Minor Hockey. Also there is a charity hockey game planned for Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Huron County Victim Services is hosting a charity hockey game between the First Responders. The Wingham arena at the NHWCC is hosting the WOAA Girls Year End Hockey Tournament from March 23-25. Staff will assess bookings after March 25 to confirm ice out date at each arena. The WOAA tournament is an excellent opportunity for local businesses to enjoy many visitors to Wingham over the weekend.

### **Student Hiring**

Positions for summer student positions with the Township of North Huron Recreation department are posted on the North Huron website.

### **Retirement Notification**

Dave Ohn has worked as a part time Recreation Operator since 2002 at the Blyth and District Community Centre. Dave has handed in notice of his retirement from the Township of North Huron effective April 1, 2018.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

None

### **FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

Next department update is Monday April 2, 2018.

### **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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Pat Newson, Director of Recreation and  
Facilities



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