



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: 16/04/2018
SUBJECT: Recreation and Facilities 01-03-2018 Department Update
ATTACHMENTS: April at a Glance, Transfigured Town Media Release, Spring Swim Schedule, April Swipe and Win flyer.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby accept the Activity Report of the Director of Recreation and Facilities, dated April 16, 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

Recreation Programming

March Break

March 12-16 was March Break. The Recreation Department hosted skating, swimming, and day camp activities. Daily public swimming in Wingham and skating in both Wingham and Blyth was offered. A total of 127 attended the camp, ranging from 18-28 per day. Total revenue was \$4,280 and expenses for staff and camp materials was \$2,245.33. The week was extremely busy with swimming and skating and a Friday bus trip to bowling in Goderich.

The Recreation Department hosted the Huron County Library staff at the Complex during March Break to assist with their Wingham Libraries Transforming Communities project. They were on site to survey residents to gather information to align library service with the community's aspirations. The information gathered will be shared with community partners if what they collect has broader implications than the library.

Final Ice

On March 3 the year end tournament for the Original Six Hockey League was held at the Westcast Complex. From March 23 to 25 the WOAA hosted the Year End Girls Hockey Tournament in Lucknow and Wingham. The Wingham Arena ice was well utilized on this weekend. The ice was removed from the Wingham facility on Monday March 26.

On March 24 Victim Services held a fundraising hockey game at the Blyth facility. The game was between North Huron Fire Services and Huron County OPP. The ice was removed from the Blyth facility on Friday March 30.

Spring Programs

Spring Recreation Programs are in full swing. The April at a Glance Flyer and the Spring Aquatic Schedule are attached to this report. Spring lessons at the aquatic centre are the busiest season for lessons in North Huron.

The Fitness Centre offers a Student Summer Membership from May to August for a discount price of only \$84 (tax included).

Wingham Wayfinding

Thanks to a team effort between Public Works, Recreation and Facilities and the Wingham BIA, the Wingham Wayfinding Signs project is nearing completion. It is anticipated the signs will be installed mid-June. One sample sign will be installed and assessed prior to all the signs being installed.

Friends of the Village of Blyth

This volunteer group is attending Council on April 16 to update Council on the excellent work they are contributing to the community.

Blyth Liquor License

Staff continue work on the Blyth liquor license for the Blyth and District Community Centre. Staff plan to bring the AGCO application to Council in the near future for consideration and approval.

North Huron Museum

Council made the decision not to proceed with the museum building renovations at the April 7, 2018 Council meeting. Staff have met with the Barn Dance Chairs, and reached out to the Wingham Horticultural Society to inform these stakeholders of Council's decision.

Festival of Wizardry – October 21-23, 2018

Transfigured Town has postponed their Festival of **Thrones** event, and the press release is attached. This is not to be confused with their Festival of **Wizardry** Event held at the Blyth Campground and Community Centre. This event is confirmed for October 21-23, 2018.

Richard W. LeVan Airport

As per Council's request, Pat Newson, Director of Recreation and Facilities presented the Huron County Feasibility Study for Goderich Municipal Airport and Richard W. LeVan Municipal Airport to the North Huron Economic Development Committee at their April 5th meeting.

Blyth Memorial Community Hall

The additional approved theatre lighting and sound equipment was delivered and installed at the theatre in March and early April. Progress continues on a few of the deficiency items from the renovation project. A meeting between the manufacturer, installer, consultant and Township to review the lower hall flooring was completed and the floor was accepted. The new LED house lights, light bulbs were installed and programmed. The carpentry repairs to the balcony front row are completed providing additional leg room acceptable to all stakeholders on the project. Minor repairs and carpentry projects have been completed. Outstanding items include the ice buildup and the heating unit for the east staircase, and some additional theatre lighting. Staff continue to work with the stakeholders, contractors and consultant to resolve these items.

Wingham Town Hall Theatre

There are performances coming up in April and May:

April 24, 26 and 29: Almost Famous Players Performance

May 5: Roy Orbison Tribute Concert

May 8: For the Love of Music Concert

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Next department update will be Monday May 7, 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



Pat Newson, Director of Recreation
Facilities



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