



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: 04/04/2016
SUBJECT: Activity Report
ATTACHMENTS: Yoga and TakeDown Challenge Flyers

RECOMMENDATION:

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

A meeting of the Airport Committee was held on Tuesday March 22, 2016. At that meeting the Airport Feasibility Study was presented to the committee for discussion and feedback for North Huron Council. The minutes of the meeting will be distributed to Council at a future meeting. Members of the committee requested time to reflect on the report and submit ideas and feedback to Council. The deadline was mid-April to receive the committee feedback and the goal is to provide that for Council at the May 2, 2016 Council meeting. It was noted that feedback would either come to the Director for input into a summary report, or the committee members were welcome to submit correspondence directly to North Huron Council for inclusion on the agenda.

Recreation Programs

The Spring and Summer Recreation and Leisure Guide was distributed March 10 and programs begin April 6 (Ballroom Dancing, Gymnastics, Wellness Workshops). BOUNCE registration is going well and begins April 20th. There is a PA day full of activities on April 22.

March Break

Public swims during the week had 515 participants M-F.

Monday, March 14 – 28 participants – Skating in the morning, Swimming in the afternoon, lunch included, Crafts, Squash court activities.

Tuesday March 15 – 32 participants – trip to Glow in the Dark Bowling in Goderich and McDonalds' for lunch

Wednesday, March 16 – Road Hockey Tournament cancelled due to lack of registrations.

Thursday, March 17 – 28 participants – Same as Monday

Friday, March 18 – 28 participants – same as Monday.

Fitness Centre

The North Huron Fitness staff are hosting their 3rd annual "Morning of Yoga" event on Saturday April 23 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Poster is attached. 15 yoga instructors are volunteering their time to the event. Proceeds are donated to the Logan Hallahan Fund for the Hospital.

Starting April 9th the Centre is introducing the 28 Day TakeDown Challenge. Poster attached.

Recreation Facilities

Weather is cooperating and the Recreation staff have started some outdoor parks work. The nets at the Tennis Courts are installed and parks clean-up has started.. Summer student parks staff interviews are completed. Ice rentals ended in Wingham on March 24 and Lacrosse programs begin April 9 at the Complex with a fun tournament that runs from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. During this tournament they are hosting a Free Lacrosse Clinic for coaches and participants – Jason Crosbie from the Toronto Rock will be putting the clinic on.

The final day for ice rentals in Blyth was March 31, 2016.

Aquatic Programs

Swimming lessons start April 6th April 9th April 12th and April 14th. Extremely busy season for lessons.

JK-Grade 3 after school lessons are a new addition this Spring.

Free Sponsored after school public swims on Tuesdays from April 20 to June 6. Sponsored as part of the BOUNCE initiative from HKCC program.

Private & Semi Private lessons start April 11

Advanced course Water Safety Instructor WSI in progress

Personal Best Swim Club Starts April 11

Sports Fundamentals starts April 5

Advanced Aquafit Starts April 5

Bathing Suit Sale April 18th.

Healthy Kids Community Challenge

This initiative hosted an information session on March 31 to share the results of their Huron County survey.

Blyth Campground

The Huron Pioneer Threshers are working with the Township staff to erect their new shed. They have submitted building drawings to Tim Lewis CBO. The staff in the Recreation and Facilities department are working with the Threshers to draft an agreement to permit the building on Township property, and include all the necessary liability and indemnifications required during the construction. This agreement will be presented to Council for approval as by-law when it is ready.

2016 Blyth Campground Group Bookings:

May 16 – 19 – Airstream Club

May 20 – 23 Spring OPA Campout (Family Campers & RVers)

May 26 – 29 – Barn Dance Jamborie

July 29 – Aug. 01 – NSDCA

Memorial Hall Renovation Project

14/19 Inc and North Huron staff continue to work toward finalizing the Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province. 14/19 Inc. is examining each line on the budget and will share with North Huron as soon as possible, so that the Township and 14/19 Inc can proceed with the

Agreement between our two entities. The project is tender ready, and the Province is highly motivated and excited to spend the \$3.3M in their fiscal year (April 2016 to March 2017).

North Huron Tree Program

Trees were ordered from the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority for public distribution. They will be picked up for distribution on April 12. There are a handful of trees left for the public. Anyone who has not already ordered one, can contact the Administration Offices to receive a tree. In total 123 trees are distributed this year to the public.

Professional Development

Pat Newson is attending the upcoming Parks and Recreation Ontario Conference (April 5-7) and Richard Al is attending on April 6 which is a day of seminars and a tradeshow dedicated to Recreation Software Suppliers.

Larry Meyer is attending the Ontario Recreation and Facilities Association Professional Development Event April 24-29 and taking Advanced Recreation Facilities Business Management 1.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Nothing to report.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

We are connecting with the G2G Trail group to keep informed of any upcoming events. May 14, 2016 is the SOTT (Spring on the Trails) event. Event runs from 10:00am-2:00pm. This is an annual fundraiser to build and maintain the G2G Rail Trail. Information can be found on their Facebook page or on their web site www.g2grailtrail.com. They are seeking more volunteers from the Blyth area to be involved in the G2G activities. The local group has also included the Blyth bridge on the trail to receive funding for the bridge inspection required as part of the new lease.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Our Community is Healthy and Safe

Pat Newson, Director of Recreation and
Facilities

Sharon Chambers, CAO