



Township of

North Dundas

RECREATION & CULTURE DEPARTMENT

To:	Mayor and Members of Council
Prepared by:	Meaghan Meerburg, Director of Recreation & Culture
Date of Meeting:	January 20, 2015
Subject:	Monthly Report

1. Parks & Recreation Ontario Conference:

The PRO Conference will be taking place from March 24th – 27th, 2015 at Blue Mountain Resort in Collingwood, Ontario. The March Council meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th, but can be rescheduled should Council members wish to attend the conference.

2. Joel Steele Arena Dehumidifier:

The dehumidifier is in need of being replaced due to the vintage of the equipment and in light of operational issues. The unit is primarily of importance during March, when the outside temperatures increase, therefore causing increased humidity in the air. I wish to seek Council's pre-approval for the purchase of a new dehumidifier, before the 2015 budget is passed, so that we may order and install the unit before March. We received 2 quotes for this item and Les Johnston, our Facilities Manager, would like to recommend the purchase of an ICETECH desiccant dehumidifier as outlined in the proposal submitted by A/C Mechanical Refrigeration Ltd. The tender price for this unit is \$25,657.35+HST.

3. Joel Steele Arena Sound System User Guide:

A detailed user guide was created for the Joel Steele Arena sound system for staff referral and training purposes. The manual will be kept in a labeled binder, in the arena office.

4. Ice Rental Rates:

In the Spring of 2014, Council approved the ice rental rates for this season, which included increases to the non-resident fees for the 2014/2015 ice season. With many of our ice user groups already planning registration fees for the 2015/2016 ice season, I would like to propose the attached ice rental rate schedule for the 2015/2016 & 2016/2017 ice seasons.

5. Marionville Citizens Committee:

The Marionville Citizen's Committee has requested a donation of \$1,000 from North Dundas Council, to purchase a bench for their park space. This donation request was not included in the Recreation & Culture Department's 2015 budget submission. I wish to seek Council's direction on this donation request and would like to offer the following options:

- a) Invite the Marionville Citizen's Committee to apply for a Community Grant

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for the sum of \$400.

- b) Request that the committee purchase the bench using the \$1,000 annual donation that they currently receive from the Township of North Dundas.
- c) Increase the 2015 donation to \$2,000.

6. Outdoor Skating Rinks:

I would also like to report that the Inkerman, Hallville, Mountain, and Morewood outdoor rinks, are all up and running, thanks to volunteers.

7. Joel Steele Arena Boardroom:

At the December, 2014 Council meeting, Council had expressed interest in converting the boardroom into either a tuck shop or an expansion to the existing Jr. B Hawks dressing room. I would like to ask for Council's direction on how they would like the space to be used.

8. Facility Operator Contract Extension:

I would like to ask Council for permission to extend the contract of Facility Operator Ryan Byers, to fill a long-term disability leave, until March 31, 2015.

9. Hall Rental Rates:

In August, 2014, Council approved a new hall rental rate schedule that was effective September 1, 2014. The rate schedule detailed rental rate increases on an annual basis for 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively. I would like to seek confirmation that it was Council's intention to increase the rates on September 1st of each of those years.

10. South Mountain Ball Diamond:

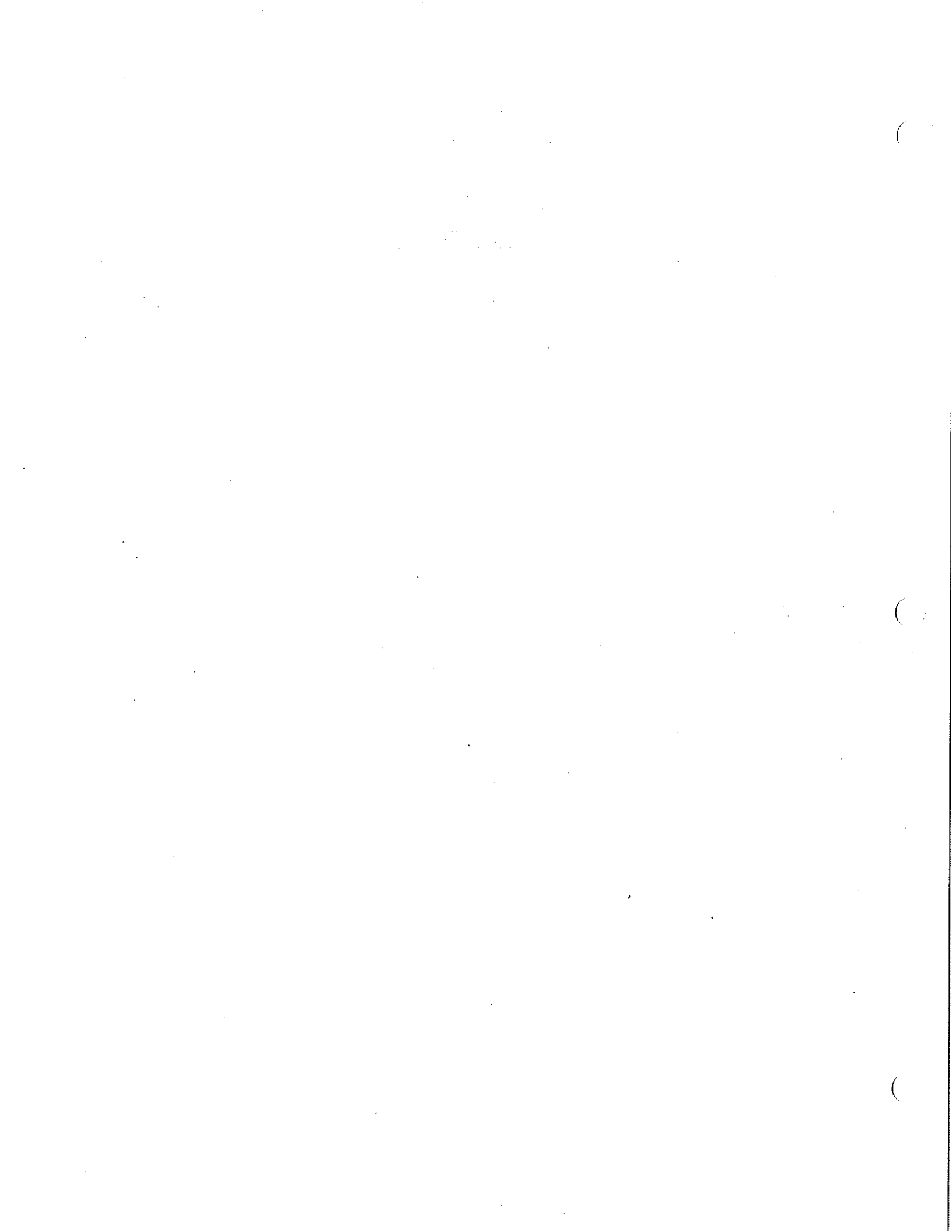
The South Mountain Ball diamond has not been rented out by the Recreation & Culture Department for at least consecutive 3 yrs. As a result, I would like to seek Council's direction on whether the preference is that the Recreation & Culture Department continue to maintain the area or whether we explore the possibility of handing the diamond over to the South Mountain Fair Board.

11. South Mountain Tennis Court Maintenance:

Council asked for additional information regarding the South Mountain tennis court repairs that are proposed in the 2015 budget. Over the past three years, the Recreation & Culture Department has conducted repairs to the South Mountain tennis court. These repairs included straightening the fence, knocking the concrete off of the bottoms of the fence posts as they had risen substantially, as well as pressure washing and filling-in the cracks on the slab, using calking or concrete mix. The courts were also painted about five years ago.

In the 2015 Recreation & Culture Department budget request, it was proposed that \$14,000 be put into reserves and that in 2016, another \$15,000 - \$16,000 be budgeted, so that the tennis courts could be resurfaced in 2016. The resurfacing treatment would include the following:

- Pressure wash the courts thoroughly
- Supply and install materials to minimize standing water on the courts
- Grind and dig out approximately 470 linear ft. of cracks that are existing on the courts
- Supply and install concrete mix in routed out cracks. Sand smooth and



- then install the Armor Crack Repair system over the 470 linear ft. of crack
- Supply and install one heavy coat of acrylic resurface over the entire area of both courts
 - Supply and install two coats of US Open blue over the playing areas of the courts
 - Supply and install two coats of green paint over outbound areas of the courts
 - Layout tennis court lines using white line paint

The contractor has advised us that our court cracks run from side-to-side, so there isn't any more room for them to grow. This repair does not prevent future cracks from occurring, but the contractor who provided us with a budgetary price, will warranty the areas that are fixed, for 5 yrs. They will also warranty the paint for 3 yrs.

12. Pathway Maintenance Between the Chesterville Arena & Legion:

The Township of North Dundas will maintain the south east corner of the arena parking lot so that there is access from the arena parking lot to the fence line, separating the arena lot from the Legion lot. The Legion will maintain the area on their side of the fence.

13. Request for Space for Falls Prevention and Exercise Program:

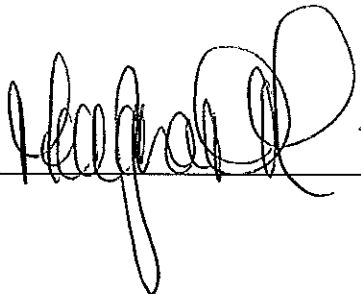
The Seaway Valley Community Health Centre (SVCHC) are prepared to bring a comprehensive Falls Prevention and Exercise Program to Winchester and area seniors, (age 65 and over). This twelve-week program includes two one-hour exercise classes per week with approximately 15 people per session, home exercises and an educational component. Their request to the Township of North Dundas is the use of space at the Joel Steele Community Hall for 12 weeks, from 9:00 am until noon on Tuesday and Thursday, to deliver the program to North Dundas residents.

14. New Ice User Rule:

As a result of a Jr. C Rockets hockey game being cancelled in Chesterville, due to repetitive drills being conducted by the user group in the previous time slot and the ice resurfer not being able to repair the ice in a timely manner, the Recreation & Culture Department is seeking Council's approval to add the following rule to the North Dundas *Arena Facility & Ice Policies*:

Bantam, Pee Wee, Midget, Juvenile, Jr., and adult user/host groups who damage the ice by doing repetitive drills, will be responsible for paying for any ice rentals that were lost, any referee fees, etc. for the groups that have the ice booked after.

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