

Township of

North Dundas

RECREATION & CULTURE DEPARTMENT

To:	Mayor and Members of Council
Prepared by:	Mark Guy, Director of Recreation & Culture
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Subject:	Monthly Report

1. **Programming Notes:**

The new Spring/Summer edition of the North Dundas Resource Guide is scheduled to hit mailboxes the last week of March. The most recent tax bills included a Recreation Dept. stuffer that promoted programs including the Green Food Bag, March Break magic show & movie, a CPR, AED & First Aid course; and public skating. The insert was very effective and we have received numerous phone calls from residents wanting to register for the Green Food Bag. I hope to include a stuffer in all future mail outs.

South Dundas was approved for funding for the 2 drive-in events and planning will soon be underway. These events were recently published in the South Dundas Recreation Program Guide and will be published in our Resource Guide as well North Dundas Recreation is now doing a hockey helmet drive. With the hockey season coming to an end, we are hoping that parents, guardians & players will be kind and generous enough to donate any helmets that may not fit next year. The North Dundas Skate & Helmet Lending Libraries, that are located at both of our local arenas, get used daily in the winter months and unfortunately we do not have enough helmets to keep up with demand. We are also accepting monetary donations that can be put towards the purchase of new helmets. All donations can be dropped-off to either the Winchester or Chesterville Arenas or to the Township Office. We will be introducing Aqua Zumba at the pools this summer in addition to the regular aqua-fit programs

2. **Blossom's Project:**

The 12 individuals signed in to this program started their placement February 21. Their actual work term will begin April 2. At that time they will begin the renovation of the DFA area at the Nelson Laprade Centre under the direction of Bob Lafontaine. Bob, myself, Les and Karin DeVries, who is hired for the project will be meeting to discuss the assigning of work tasks for the students. Projects will include the renovation of the kitchen and bar area in the hall at the Winchester C.C, interior painting of both arenas, building of park benches and picnic tables, flower bed preparation for the summer.

3. **Capital Projects:**

Les is beginning to receive quotes for the various capital projects we have this year. Windows at the Morewood C.C., updated estimates to complete the epoxy painting of the outdoor pools, pricing on the stairs at the loading dock at the Old Town Hall. The new office lighting is going ahead and we are waiting on the Hydro One portion of the money in order for the work to get started. I have met with Dave Lashley and we viewed the proposed parkland at the new Thompson sub-division. I would like Dave to prepare a conceptual plan for this park as he did with Forest wood heights and in April have a community meeting with the residents of this development to receive input on the plan. I believe this is beneficial to the process to ensure we develop a park to meet the needs of our residents and the township as well.



4. **Facility Update:**

Les and I are going to investigate how to make the bleachers at the Chesterville safer for spectators. We are looking at ways to install stairs at ends with railings and also in the middle by connecting the bleachers. Mayor Duncan and I had a meeting with the Eastern Ontario Health Unit to discuss their regulations and how it affects private in-door pools who are providing much needed programs to the public. We hope to meet with the Dejong's of Chesterville who were providing services to attempt to see if we can work with them and the Health Unit that will allow them to once again open their pool to the public. Heat in Hydro area at township building. An issue has come up with the waste oil furnace in the Hydro work garage. They were asked to take the unit out of service in 2009; they didn't so MOE was in the other day and said shut it down. There are suspended electric unit heaters that weren't working properly. Neal's heating has come in and they are working for now. These are very expensive to run and are not ideal heating sources. There is a make-up air handling unit that is to come on only when the carbon monoxide detector activates, this was being utilized as a heat source. We are getting union gas in to give us a price to run gas into this building as everything is electric. This is why our hydro bill is \$13,000.00 this month. We are getting prices from our suppliers for putting in high efficiency unit heaters, also down the road to replace the two 36,000 watt hot water tanks. The ground source furnaces for now are OK but this gives us another option when these furnaces need to be replaced.

5. **Community Funding:**

We are now advertising to the public about the 6-\$400 grants we have available for community groups or organizations. Submission deadlines are April 1 and September 1. Once the April 1 deadline passes our review committee will meet to evaluate the proposals and make our recommendations. I have already received 2 proposals.

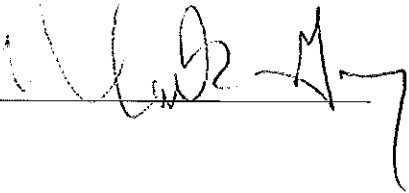
6. **Grants:**

I applied to the Community Innovation Program through the CFDC to receive funds to assist in building our 2 new parks. We did receive dollars through this program for the skating on the Nation River. We are hoping to transfer some of these dollars to next year because of the lack of skating this year. Part of the grant was to assist in the funding of a new gazebo at the Chesterville waterfront. Industrial Stainless is to be providing us with the engineered design for the gazebo and the placement of it at the waterfront. We have until the end of March to submit for funding of this portion of the grant.

7. **Summer Wage Programs:**

I have started to apply for all of the summer wage programs for summer student subsidies.

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