



Township of
North Dundas

RECREATION & CULTURE DEPARTMENT

To:	Mayor and Members of Council
Prepared by:	Mark Guy, Director of Recreation & Culure
Date of Meeting:	April 10, 2012
Subject:	Monthly Report

1. Programming Notes from Meaghan:

It has been decided that Green Food Bag customers will be able to place their orders on ActiveNet as of June 1, 2012. We hope that this will entice residents to purchase for months at a time and therefore boost sales. The North Dundas Facebook page is currently hosting a contest to try and increase the number of "friends" that the account currently has. All current "friends" are challenged to refer their "friends" to the North Dundas Recreation Facebook Page and have them send a friend request. The person making the friend request must then send a message to NDR that lists their friend's name as the person who referred them to make the friend request. Points will then be tallied and the person who creates the most friend requests for North Dundas Recreation will receive a \$25 gift certificate to a North Dundas Recreation program of their choice (private swim lessons and certification courses excluded). The contest will close on April 30th. The purpose of this contest is to promote North Dundas Recreation opportunities as well as other programs, events and opportunities in the area. I am constantly being notified of and invited to things going on in the community via our Facebook page. By joining these groups and sharing their page with our 403 friends, 403 more people then know about the event and are now talking about it. This is also a great way to promote the organizers to email me posters for our website's event calendar. I have just applied for funding for 5 more kids for KidSport for a variety of swim lessons and soccer programs. There is talk that I might be invited to present on our Green Food Bag program to the Cornwall Council in hopes that they will provide more support for Cornwall's program. Our program is very different from other programs because the Municipality is the organizer. For this reason, I am in a position to share our positive experiences & influences and also promote the resources that the Municipalities have to offer. Our program is widely known and respected throughout SD&G Prescott Russell for being a leader.

2. Capital Projects 2012:

- Air conditioners purchased for the Chesterville Community Hall. They will be installed this month.
- New windows for the Morewood C.C. The job has been given to Tony VanGurp.
- DFA space at the Nelson Laprade Centre. The Blossom's students started the renovation work to this space April 2.
- Winchester C.C. bar and kitchen. Les and our staff have been gathering prices and putting together a plan for this renovation and will be starting the work this month.
- Gazebo at the Chesterville waterfront. Council has received the preliminary sketch from Industrial Stainless for review before it goes to the engineer for final drawings. What is the consensus? I also received the necessary invoices from Industrial Stainless for the purposes of the grant we received through the Eastern Ontario Development Fund that will cover the cost of the gazebo.

3. Facility Update:

The ice at both arenas is now out, season finished up April 1. The staff is cleaning the slabs, will freshen up both arenas with some painting and are preparing for the summer by getting the outdoor equipment ready. Other projects they will be doing in conjunction with the Blossom's students are to complete some repairs to the inside of the Mountain Park building, build a storage container, build 4 new picnic tables and fix the patio at the township office. For Council's information I was able to secure an additional \$3,500 from St. Lawrence College and this money was used for the Mountain Park building, the township office and the purchase of 4 trees to be part of the development of the Thompson Park in Chesterville.

4. Community Funding Applications:

I have received 8 community funding applications by our April 1 deadline. A meeting needs to be scheduled with the evaluation committee to review the applications.

5. Chesterville Historical Society:

I had a meeting with Ian Reveler and Alvin Runnalls with respect to the Chesterville Historical Building. Since amalgamation the township has provided the Chesterville Historical Society with an annual grant of \$2500 to assist them with the building expenses. Today this amount barely covers half of the building expenses. Their phone bill alone is approximately \$1100/yr. They currently do not have a computer as the internet costs were too expensive. The agreement with this group is out-dated. The question was asked if a new agreement could be executed where the township takes ownership of this building's expenses such as we do with the township buildings we own. The \$2,500 grant they receive would no longer exist if this were to happen. I would recommend that they should be considered for an annual grant from us based on their activities and contributions to the community.

6. Parks and Recreation Ontario Conference:

The Mayor attended this year's conference in Niagara Falls and found it to be a very worthwhile event to participate in. Attached is this year's agenda and listing of the various sessions that took place. He is encouraging members of council to attend this conference in future years.

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