



Township of

North Dundas

RECREATION & CULTURE DEPARTMENT

To:	Mayor and Members of Council
Prepared by:	Meaghan Meerburg, Acting Director of Recreation & Culture /Community Development Programmer
Date of Meeting:	June 12, 2012
Subject:	Monthly Report

1. Programming Notes from Meaghan:

The Dundas Drive-in dates have been rescheduled to Saturday, July 7th and Saturday, September 15th. Ben Macpherson, the Recreation Programmer from South Dundas and myself, met with the South Mountain Fair Board recently and were granted use of their grounds for the 2 events. The use of the grounds will be an in-kind donation and the Board has also granted us use of 2 flatbed trailers and washroom facilities, and have also offered to cut the grass on the grounds for the events. Mr. Bob Williams will be meeting with Ben, his summer student Andrea, myself, and our summer Special Events Coordinator, Laura, on Thursday, June 14th so that we may walk the grounds and have any questions and concerns answered. With a combination of the SM Fair Board's donations, other potential cost savings including reflector vests & flashlights, which we are looking into borrowing, and security cuts as recommended by a Police Officer that we have been in contact with, we should have a cost savings of approximately \$755.00 that was budgeted for these events. We wish to be granted permission to reallocate this portion of our budget to securing the services of a local entertainment company that is able to offer various air bounces and games for movie-goers. We will also be inviting the South Mountain Fire Dept. and a South Dundas Fire Dept. to attend the event and put their trucks on display. 2 Police officers will already be in attendance for these evenings and we will ask them to put a cruiser on display as well.

Movie selections have been made for both the Movies Under the Stars series and the Dundas Drive-in. Additionally, permission has been received from the Counties for requested road closures for the Movies Under the Stars series. Posters have been created for both events and a marketing plan has been created, which includes submissions for the community event announcements with area radio stations that attract listeners from both North Dundas and the greater area.

Laura has been busy working on a heritage display pertaining to the WDMH and a photo booth that is expected to consist of costumes borrowed from the Dundas County Players (DCP). She has also been assigned the role of organizing the outings and special guests that were outlined in the New Horizons for Seniors Grant that we received. Laura is taking a large role in organizing the Dundas Drive-in events and will soon be introduced to the Movies Under the Stars series.

Teal is busy with scheduling private swim lessons & school swim times, as well as general organization and preparation for the opening of the pools. Camp leaders and pool staff are scheduled to take a WHIMIS course on Saturday, June 16th, that will be taught by Lee Bowers, one of our fantastic facilities staff members.

Olivia Wouters has begun planning summer camps. Our other leaders will begin on June 18th, with camps beginning July 3rd.

2. Capital Projects 2012:

The staff have done a wonderful job of renovating the Winchester Community Centre bar and kitchen. This includes gutting, electrical, plumbing, countertops, cupboards, drywall, painting, flooring and the cooler. The new stove and microwave have been ordered and will be in June 22. The new AC units have been put in the Chesterville Community Hall and are working well. Flynn Park will have some new concrete slabs for the benches and concrete bases for the lights installed later June. The Mountain station building was redone by our staff and painted by the Blossom program. We are installing new solid core doors as the old doors that were hollow all had holes in them. The parking lot will be addressed in the near future. The Save On Energy (a rebate from the Ontario Power Authority to change our lights to lower energy consumption lighting) applications to change lights are starting to go through. 547 St. Lawrence has been approved and we are awaiting approval for 636 St. Lawrence St. The natural gas pipeline is in at 636 St. Lawrence and we are looking at the quotes for the high efficiency unit heaters. We are also in the infancy stage of looking at buying our gas and hydro from a supplier that deals in bulk and save a lot of money. The new windows have been installed in Morewood.

3. Facility Update:

The refrigeration plants at both arenas have been shut down and safely been put into their summer modes. They have also been upgraded to meet TSSA's (Technical Safety Standards Authority) requirements. The facility staff will be touching up the paint in the rooms over the summer. The parks have all been cut and trimmed and the playgrounds have all been addressed for equipment and sand tilling. The soccer fields have been aerated, cut and lined and the ball diamonds have been tilled and/or dragged and lined. The pools are being blasted and epoxy painted. The pool buildings are being cleaned and having baby change stations installed. All pumps and filters have been updated. Winchester will be open on June 11th and Chesterville on June 16th. The summer students have been hired.

4. Tim Horton's Free Public Swims:

I had applied for funding through Tim Horton's for free public swims on Tuesdays this summer, for both pools. Tim Horton's has approved our request for 8 public swims at each pool, beginning July 10th and ending August 28th. The Chesterville swim times are designated to be 1:30 – 4:00 pm and Winchester will be 2:00 – 5:00 pm. The money received was \$4068.00.

5. Forest Health Unit Study:

The Forest Health Unit will be implementing a detection survey for Walnut Twig Beetle (WTB), in our Chesterville Park. They will simply be hanging a funnel trap from a tree branch, but the trap is not dangerous. I have asked them to please post a sign, informing the public what the trap is and is for. The Walnut Twig Beetle is an insect that is not known to be present in Ontario. WTB is native to Arizona, California and New Mexico and has invaded many American States including just recently Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and Virginia in Eastern North America. The insect carries a fungus that can cause decline and mortality in black walnut.

6. Donation from the Christopher "Cookie" Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament:

The Christopher "Cookie" Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament made a very generous donation of \$4,000 to our North Dundas Inclusion Fund on Saturday, June 2nd. This money will help fund North Dundas residents who struggle with enrollment fees for recreation programs.

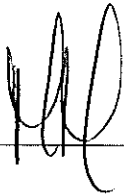
7. Green Food Bag:

The Green Food Bag is commencing on-line registration in June. Customers will now be able to pay for their bags through Activenet, using credit card, and will be able to purchase bags for future months, up until December.

8. On the Go Dundas County:

The Townships of North and South Dundas, along with the Eastern Ontario Health Unit and Linking Hands, a project of the House of Lazarus, are putting forward a challenge to Dundas County residents. The "On the Go Dundas County" will encourage residents of all ages to incorporate physical activity and healthy eating into their daily routine. The challenge will be taking place between June 3rd and July 14th with the best 4 weeks used to accumulate the minimum necessary minutes and servings for both physical activity and healthy eating. If residents meet the minimum requirements they will be entered into a draw for prizes. Prizes include gift certificates for recreation programs, green food bags and other great prizes. To put a twist on it, we are doing a challenge between both townships. Residents are encouraged to participate in order to accumulate points for the Township of North Dundas and see which township gets the most participants. Residents can pick up the On the Go tracking and prize entry form at the township offices, the Dundas libraries or look for it in the North Dundas Summer Recreation Brochure.

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