



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:	September 11, 2012
Subject:	Monthly Report

1. Parks, Diamonds & Facilities Update:

Repairs have been made to the Chesterville rink boards and to the slab edges.

Wiring was run by our staff for the new sound system at the Winchester Arena. Everything has been hooked-up and is working well.

The stucco section of the outside of the Winchester Cultural Centre was vandalized 2 weeks ago with graffiti. The OPP was contacted to make a report and the Recreation Team has repainted this section.

The Chesterville waterfront continues to be checked for vandalism each morning by our recreation staff and the OPP is contacted immediately with any reports.

Ferguson Forestry Centre has four Maple trees that are ready for pick-up. We plan to plant these trees in the Thompson Subdivision Park once the playground is installed. Playground Planners, which is the company that we have purchased the play structure from, has provided us with an estimated installation date of September 28th. I have spoken with Dan & John from the Roads Dept. and arrangements have been made to work with the Recreation Dept. to prepare the area.

Repairs have been completed at Mountain Station. The floors have been stripped of paint, new doors were installed and the ceiling has been repaired and painted.

The fire escape at the Winchester Arena has been updated with extra steel for increased safety and new locks have been installed in both the dressing rooms & referees rooms.

A new countdown clock has been ordered for the Winchester Arena.

A theft was reported by the guards at the Chesterville Pool. The incident was reported to the OPP and is currently under investigation. The pools are now closed for the year.

All went well with this year's Dairyfest event.

A list of current rink advertisements has been obtained and new candidates are currently being contacted about advertising. Les is acquiring prices from a new sign company, for rink board ads and 'car wrap' (please see attachment). A local business has approached me about the idea of 'car wrap' for the Winchester Arena and possibly Chesterville Arena as well. This is pending price. I would like to seek permission from Council to display this type of banner advertising in the arenas for this season, should I be able to sell it.

Mark Thompson, who is our Chesterville Arena canteen tenant, would like to have a contract company install an ATM machine at both arenas and a debit terminal at the Chesterville Arena. Mark would like to be responsible for these contracts and would ensure he has additional liability insurance to cover the machines. Mark would in-turn stock the machines and keep the profits from transactions. I have spoken with Guy, from the Winchester Lions Club canteen and they are not interested in being responsible for an ATM at the Winchester Arena. A staff member is communicating with Bell to see if our current internet plan can cover the consumption of these 3 machines or if we would need to upgrade and therefore charge a rental fee to Mr. Thompson. I would like to seek permission from Council to approve Mr. Thompson to go ahead with the installation of an ATM machine and debit terminal at the Chesterville Arena. I will be exploring the details of an ATM contract, including affiliated commitments & profits pertaining to the installation of an ATM in the Winchester Arena. I will then present my findings to Council in our next meeting, so that Council may decide whether to grant Mr. Thompson to go ahead with a contract for that facility or whether the Recreation & Culture Dept. should pursue the opportunity.

2. Programming Notes:

The last event in the Movies Under the Stars series was scheduled for Friday, September 7th, but was unfortunately cancelled due to rain. The last drive-in event is scheduled for this coming Saturday, September 15th. Gates will open at 5:00 pm with the movie commencing at approximately 7 pm. The feature presentation will be Madagascar 3, which is an animated family movie.

Funding requests continue to come in from our residents for minor sports. KidSport Ontario has recently obtained a large sponsor who has agreed to supplement the KidSport maximum funding amount of \$250.00 per child, per calendar year, to \$500.00 per child for minor hockey applications. All of our minor hockey applications that are currently being processed, have automatically been increased to \$500.00 and have all been approved. Since June of this year, we have been approved by KidSport for over \$4000.00 in funding for our North Dundas youth. 2 more applications will be submitted this week.

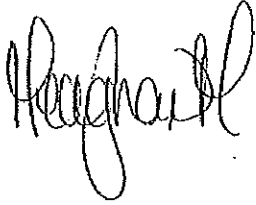
Open Mic Night at Old Town Hall is being continued by local artist Ann Brady, on alternating Thursday evenings. Ann has distributed flyers and has created a Facebook page to promote these events.

3. ACN:

Planet Energy has contacted Les and is currently looking at our electrical consumption so that they can provide us with more detailed information and opportunities.

4. I would like to request a budget amendment for the amount of \$6,100.00 to pay for the Recreation & Culture Department's contribution towards the Winchester Arena sound system. This capital expenditure was not planned for in the 2012 budget, so I would like to withdrawal our committed contribution of \$6,100.00 from the Winchester Arena reserve account and budget for its replacement in the year 2013.

Submitted By: _____



Approved By: _____

