

Township of
North Dundas

RECREATION & CULTURE DEPARTMENT

To:	Mayor and Members of Council
Prepared by:	Meaghan Meerburg, Acting Director of Recreation & Culture
Date of Meeting:	October 16, 2012
Subject:	Monthly Report

1. Parks, Diamonds & Facilities Update:

The new play structure has been installed in the Thompson Subdivision as well as 4 trees including maple & oak. Sand has been delivered and spread and it is expected that the stone bench belonging to Eric Thompson will soon be relocated by the facility staff, to the new park. The Chesterville Lions Club has also agreed to donate one bench for the new play space. The Recreation & Culture Dept. will be purchasing 2 slabs and organizing the pick-up, delivery and installation of the slabs & benches. During a recent visit at 6:00 pm, 13 children were seen playing on the structure and I received positive feedback from an Erin Street resident/parent.

The concrete bases have been poured for the light standards at Flynn Park in Chesterville. Once the power is hooked-up, the new lights will be installed.

Londondale concrete specialists will be repairing the South-East corner of the Chesterville Community Hall as the library is experiencing water seepage issues due to the aging foundation.

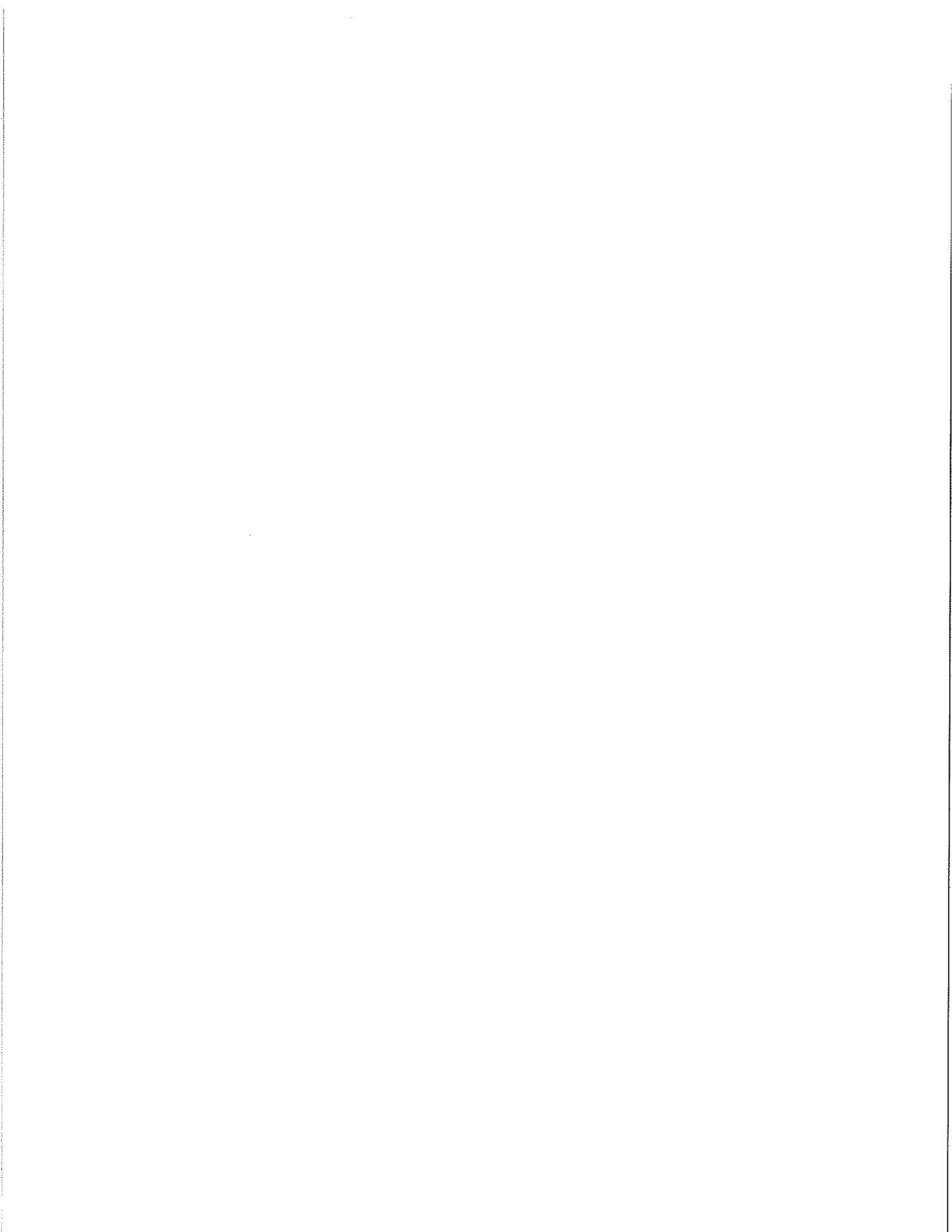
The new loading dock has been installed at the Winchester Cultural Centre and is ready for the Dundas County Player's upcoming season.

We are looking into quotes for new signs for the Winchester ball diamonds, the Morewood Community Centre, and the Nelson Laprade Centre as the signs are in poor condition.

I met with the local business owner who inquired about "car wrap" in the arena lobbies. He is interested in a location that differs from the original idea due to visibility issues. The preferred location is now surrounding the arena canteens. He is also interested in potentially purchasing ad space on the lobby floor and posts, in addition to rink boards.

The old council chambers at 547 St. Lawrence has been cleaned and painted and is now being enjoyed by the medical clinic as well as our yoga program registrants.

AED's, provided by Cornwall EMS, will be delivered to the Winchester Cultural Center and the Mountain Community Hall within the next couple of weeks. A four-hour training session for up to 10 individuals is included in this initiative. Cornwall EMS is also aware of our request for AED units at



our 2 pools. These locations have both been added to the list of additional locations should more units become available.

We have had reports from facility staff regarding tobacco and alcohol misuse by ice user groups. These incidents have been followed-up on and proper warnings have been issued in an effort to gain compliance with the 2012-2013 ice policies that were distributed with ice contracts.

2. Programming Notes:

The office has welcomed our newest addition to the Recreation & Culture Dept. Gina Welch, our new Community Development Programmer is adapting very well and very quickly to the demands of the position and the department. She is a great fit to our municipal staff team.

The September 15th Dundas Drive-in went extremely well. Our vehicle count increased 67% from 56 vehicles at the July event to 84 at the September event. Additionally, with a new average of 4 attendees per vehicle as opposed to 3 at the July event, we successfully boosted ticket sales from 156 in July to 325 in September for a total attendance increase of 48%. With consideration of our budgeted expenses and budgeted revenue, the Dundas Drive-in came in under budget. Both North & South Dundas received positive feedback from this event and would like to host 2 events again next year.

The Recreation & Culture Dept. is partnering with St. Mary's Catholic School to offer a children's Halloween event on October 27th in the Joel Steele Community Centre. The event will offer crafts, cookie decorating and prizes.

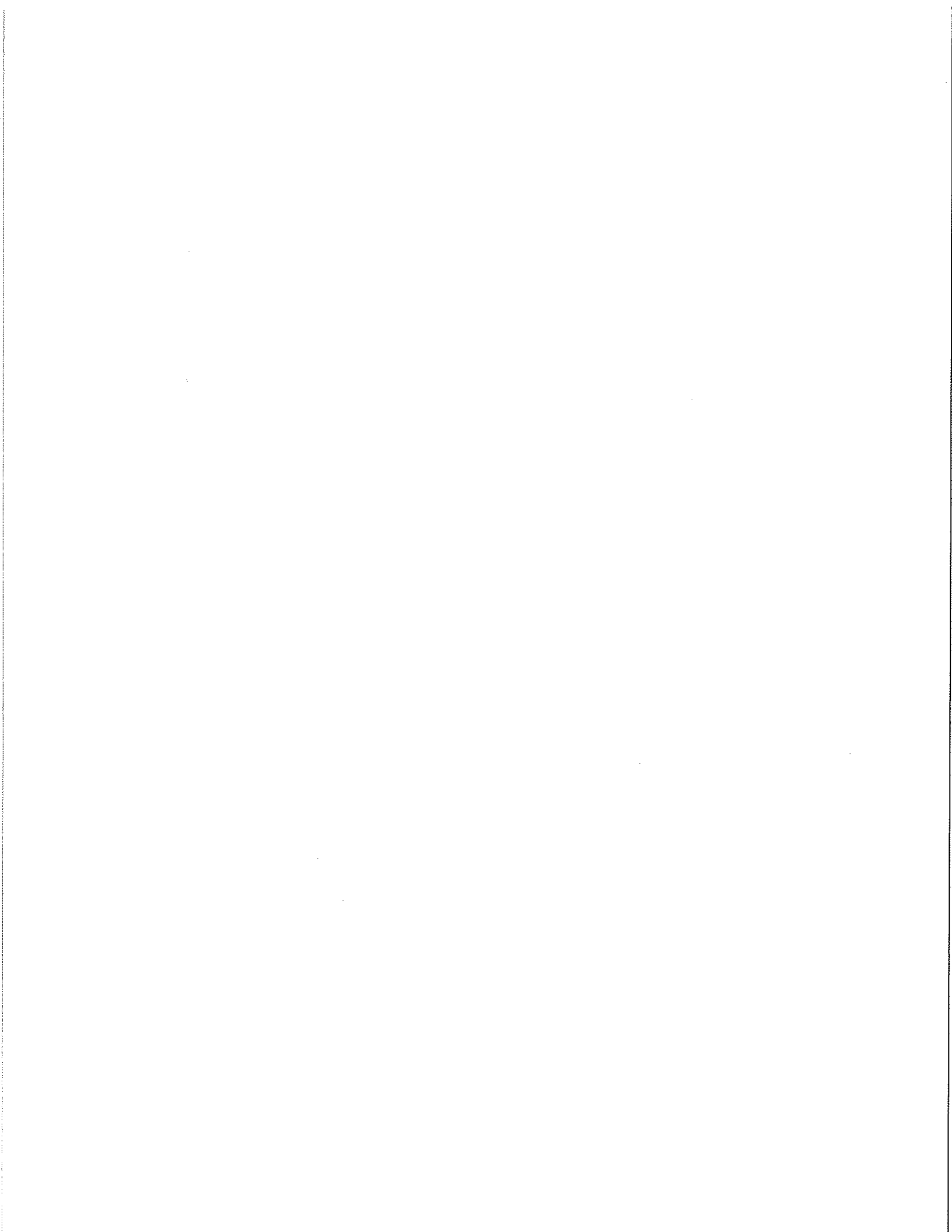
Planning has begun for the 2012 North Dundas Parade of Lights.

3. Donation of Artifacts:

Sharron, local business owner of Etc., will be donating artifacts to the Recreation & Culture Dept. as a result of her business being sold. Sharron will be providing pictures, articles of clothing, milk bottles, furniture, and vinyl records. All of these items will be used for various future displays at Old Town Hall and may be shared with the Chesterville & District Historical Society if requested.

4. "Live At The Old Town Hall"

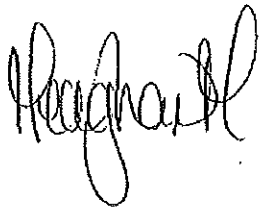
Currently, there are three established groups using and presenting at the Old Town Hall on a regular basis: The Dundas County Players, the North Dundas Movie Committee, and the Winchester Open Mic Night. As well, the Township of North Dundas features cultural and historical displays; and there has been an "Interesting People" speakers series, local authors' book launches, and other events featured at this venue. In short, the Old Town Hall is becoming an active and exciting hub for Arts and Culture. In an effort to generate awareness and draw more attendance to these great community events, local artist and Open Mic Night hostess Ann Brady, will be proposing to the Winchester Press that a column called "Live at the Old Town Hall," be created. This would mean that readers of the Press would be able to find out quickly and easily what's on at the Old Town Hall. The column would also play an important role in laying a solid foundation for marketing the venue for future programming of events that would generate income for the Township and enrich our community. Ann Brady has volunteered to collect the information about our coming events, and to write the column for the Press, submitting it every Friday morning for the following week's edition. Ann will also liaise with the Township's Recreation & Culture Dept. to ensure any Township events held at the Old Town Hall would be included in the notice column.



5. **Budget Amendment**

The final numbers for the budget amendment that I spoke about in September, in regards to the new sound system at the Winchester Arena, are now available. Please see attached.

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