



Township of
North Dundas

RECREATION & CULTURE DEPARTMENT

To:	Mayor and Members of Council
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Date of Meeting:	November 13, 2012
Subject:	Monthly Report

1. Parks, Diamonds & Facilities Update:

The South East corner of the Chesterville Community Centre continues to have leakage issues despite the foundation being recently repaired. The eaves troughs have been scheduled to be inspected and fixed in an effort to remedy the problem.

The facility staff have been busy preparing the new advertising areas in the arenas. The installation is scheduled to take place this week.

Repairs have begun to the large cracks at the South Mountain tennis courts using hydraulic cement and the repairs will be painted in the spring.

The fall HVAC (heating, cooling and air conditioning unit) check-ups are soon to be completed in all of our facilities. The units will be scheduled again for their semi-annual inspection in April or May.

The doors on the main level of the Winchester Cultural Centre have all been repainted on the exterior surfaces.

Fire inspections of all of our facilities are now complete and will be completed again next October.

New railings have been ordered for both pools and will be installed in the spring.

Raised toilet seats have been ordered for Mountian Hall, the Joel Steele Community Centre, and the Nelson Laprade Centre in order to accommodate accessibility.

Repairs & upgrades were made to the ramp at the Nelson Laprade Centre and will be completed this week. The ramp will be painted in the spring.

Both ice surfaces are going through a barrel of brine each week now. Winchester previously consumed one barrel bi-weekly and Chesterville a barrel every 3 weeks. Additionally, there are few leaks at the header of the Chesterville slab. Plans are in place to drain the brine out of the Chesterville system in the spring and slow the leak for the next ice season.

The medical clinic that is now based out of the Old Council Chambers at 547 St. Lawrence St., is in the process of getting a sign made and installed for the front of the building.

The Chestrville Arena stands have been updated to accommodate accessibility. Two new sets of steps with hand rails have been installed between the stands so that guests can easily access the top bench the bleachers.

2. Programming Notes:

The Recreation & Culture Dept. partnered with the parent council of St. Mary's Catholic School on October 27th, to offer a children's Hallowe'en event in the Joel Steele Community Centre. Gina & Amy ran a craft station offering children the opportunity to make glow in the dark necklaces as well as decorate their own masks. Each table saw over 50 participants. This event was a huge success and as a result, Gina plans to organize & host a similar event for Easter, with proceeds from the canteen being raised for the North Dundas Inclusion Fund.

This year's North Dundas Parade of Lights is scheduled for Saturday, December 1st. Float & vendor fair registration forms were mailed out to all 2011 participants and interested parties. These forms continue to be returned on a daily basis. Events are planned for Old Town Hall which include a bake sale hosted by Dundas Community Living, a presentation by South Nation Conservation, a dance recital performed by The Academy of Dance, 2 movies hosted by the North Dundas Movie Committee, and a presentation by Radical Science. Two marching bands have also been booked for the parade.

Gina is researching the cost of offering a series of full-day ski & tubing field trips for North Dundas residents. The trips would take place in January & February and take residents, by bus, to different ski hills in the Ottawa Region.

Gina is researching grants that provide funding for lower income families to participate in camps & recreation programs, as well as grants that provide salary subsidies for summer staff. Some of the funding opportunities that are being looked into include: the Max Keeping Foundation¹, the John Howard Society², and Reach for the Rainbow³, as well as a fund that provides assistance to encourage girls and young women to participate in sports.

The *Live at the Old Town Hall* newspaper column made it's debut on Wednesday, November 8th in the Winchester Press. The Press has kindly offered to run the column once a month.

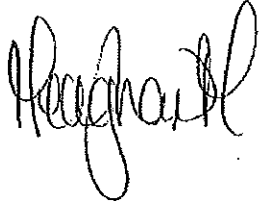
3. 211:

211 is a three-digit phone number and website that provides information and referral to over 56,000 community and social services in Ontario. The Township of North Dundas Recreation & Culture Department was included in this resource and updates were recently made. I was informed that efforts would be made by 211 in the near future, to contact our other municipal departments so that updates could be completed.

4. **Winchester Cultural Centre Surround Sound System:**

The Dundas County Players and the North Dundas Movie Committee have requested that the Recreation & Culture Dept. contribute \$850.00 towards the purchase and installation of a surround sound system for the theatre. The two user groups will be contributing the remaining 2/3 of the costs and will arrange for installation of the system.

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Max Keeping Foundation¹: Provides grants of up to \$500 to ensure economically disadvantaged children and youth can access sports, recreation, and programs in the arts.

John Howard Society²: The Child & Youth Services (CYS) division of the John Howard Society provides programming opportunities to young people and their families who may be struggling in areas of their lives due to poverty, homelessness, addiction and mental health, and, as a result, are at risk of or already involved in the youth justice system.

Reach for the Rainbow³: Reach for the Rainbow works in partnership with organized children's camps and recreational programs across Ontario to provide integrated opportunities for children, youth, and young adults with disabilities.