



Township of  
**North Dundas**

**RECREATION & CULTURE DEPARTMENT**

<b>To:</b>	Mayor and Members of Council
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Meaghan Meerburg, Director of Recreation & Culture
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	December 18, 2012
<b>Subject:</b>	Monthly Report

**1. Parks, Diamonds & Facilities Update:**

While the Winchester Arena brine leak remains the same, with a consumption of one barrel each week, the Chesterville Arena has gotten much worse and is now consuming approximately 300 liters of brine each week. We are also seeing some irregularities in the Chesterville ice, including larger cracks and brown spots. As a precaution, the Chesterville Arena ice is being run a little thicker so that in the event that the brine gets between the ice and slab surface, we don't have chunks of ice come out. In consideration of this recent development and because the Chesterville ice surface won't likely last another season, Les would like to propose the replacement of the Chesterville Arena slab before the Winchester slab.

I have been communicating with Mike Gruich from the Chesterville Fire Department with regards to the creation of Fire Safety Plans for our facilities. Les & I will be working on these, with priority being placed on the two arenas. Mike will remain our main contact for all plans and will provide us with direction and feedback.

Communication with the SD&G Library has begun about the possibility of sharing a phone line at the Chesterville Community Centre in an effort to reduce costs. Due to the fact that our phone in the upstairs hall it is not a residential line, therefore resulting in higher fees despite the line only being required for safety and being used for the occasional local call, the library is reviewing our request for partnership.

A local gentleman has contacted me in regards to the arena slab replacement and is interested in meeting to consult us on the process and provide guidance and feedback. Please see the attachment for more information.

**2. Programming Notes:**

The North Dundas Parade of Lights that took place on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> was a huge success. 46 floats entered the parade and all tables at the vendor fair were sold. The Old Town Hall was busy all day with a variety of programs running and the community meals around town were all well attended. Additionally, the Legion after party was very busy and the movie that was screened at the Winchester Cultural Centre after the parade had about 30 teens in attendance. No problems with parking were reported and the OPP provided a positive report.

Three dates have been booked for field trips to Camp Fortune for residents to take part in downhill skiing & snowboarding. On Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and February 16<sup>th</sup> the bus will leave the Winchester Arena at 8:30am and will return by 6pm. The program will be advertised in the winter brochure as well as through flyers that will go out to the schools.

The winter brochure is complete and has gone to print. It is expected that it should be in mail boxes this week, with program registrations being accepted beginning Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Township of North Dundas has once again been asked by United Way, Success By 6 to choose 5 low income children to attend their annual Christmas party. On Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, Gina will be transporting the 5 kids to the Boys & Girls Club in Cornwall for the day. The kids will be making a gingerbread house, working with play doh, enjoying a Happy Meal, having a visit with Santa and receiving a gift valued at \$50, taking part in activities, and then going home with a goodie bag.

The Upper Canada District School Board has recently launched a booking software program for the use of their school facilities. Through this new system, municipalities are to be charged for gym and classroom use. I have contacted the Board regarding the trade system that we currently have in place; that being we trade the high school free ice time each year in exchange for free gym use throughout the year. The Board was very supportive of this ongoing partnership and has flagged our account so that all fees will be waived.

Plans are now underway for the 2013 *Dundas Drive-in* events that are scheduled for June & September. We are working to secure our bookings before year-end so that we may obtain a \$500.00 early bird discount on each booking.

**3. Art on the Waterfront:**

The Art on the Waterfront event will once again be taking place in June, in Chesterville. I have met with Mr. Robert Lafontaine, who on behalf of the committee, would like to request permission to use the Chesterville Waterfront, Main Street, the Chesterville Park, and parking by the Chesterville Library Branch. This event has been scheduled for Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Please refer to the attached document from Mr. Lafontaine.

**4. Facility Signage:**

As part of our remaining 2012 department budget, designs have been obtained for signage for the Nelson Laprade Centre, Morewood Community Centre and the Winchester ball diamonds. In the attached document, you will notice that we have been provided with a model of the Winchester gateway sign, which gives us a visual of the look that our new municipal signs should aim to replicate. I would like to recommend that we pursue options B, C & D, with installation in the Spring.

**5. Arena User Policy:**

The Recreation & Culture Dept. would like to propose that a policy be created that pertains to how arena user bookings will be handled in the event that there are issues with the arena slabs.

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