



Township of
North Dundas

RECREATION & CULTURE DEPARTMENT

To:	Mayor and Members of Council
Prepared by:	Mark Guy, Director of Recreation & Culture
Date of Meeting:	January 10, 2012
Subject:	Monthly Report

1. **Programming Notes:**
 Winter program registration has started. Our Winter brochure was sent out in December. Zumba is getting very popular across Canada. I just found out that certification courses only come up in Ottawa and Montreal occasionally and that they fill-up fast. As a result, I am currently looking into hosting all levels of Zumba at our Winchester Community Centre. This will not only be another recreational certification course, but it is also a certification that could result in employment opportunities for many people. A new instructor of ours is interested in teaching golfers yoga in our April term. I hope to work with our 2 local golf courses to do a cross promotion.
 I have applied with the NDDHS for another Co-op student. Cindy Steele is aware that I have requested a student with special skills. The aim is to have the student working out of this office and be a project coordinator for the Dundas County Food Bank part time and a typical Recreation Dept. student part time. Green Food Bag purchases were up 70% last month, jumping from 63 bags in November to 89 bags.
2. **Blossom's Project:**
 I have spoken to Jackie Pemberton from the Dundas Federation of Agriculture to inform her of this project. We are meeting on January 18 to discuss the renovations for their space at the Nelson Laprade Centre and to give her the details of how the Blossom's project will work. The project is to begin February 20. I will be assisting with interviewing of the candidates to be selected for the program.
3. **Facility Update:**
 Everything went well at the arenas during the holidays. We had some water issues at the Mountain Hall that required OCWA to repair. Three of the outdoor rinks are now in operation for the community to use. Les and I have been working on the renovations to the township office to add some extra office space. We still need to purchase some office partitions to complete the work. Once completed it should make for a better work environment for some.
4. **Park Signs:**
 Four new park signs were installed by Colonel's Sign Shop in Mountain, South Mountain, Winchester and Chesterville as well as a new sign for the Chesterville arena. I am pleased with how they turned out. I am getting an extra one made for South Mountain to make it a double-sided sign and am considering a second one for 100 Club Park to be placed where residents enter the park through the sub-division.
5. **Nation River Skating:**
 Our committee for this has met a couple of times and as of now we are waiting for the river to freeze over sufficiently enough to start preparing the ice for skating. In the meantime, we are getting some stairs made that will allow access to the river from the waterfront area. I will be purchasing some Christmas lights and matting from BMR, getting some signage made and a grant application was submitted to the Community Futures Development Program's Community Innovation Fund to hopefully receive some monetary assistance for this year and future years to offer skating on the Nation River

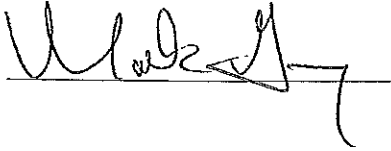
6. **Budgets:**

I hope to meet with John and Howard this week to review the 1012 Recreation budget draft.

7. **Forestwood Heights Park:**

The surveys that were sent out to residents of this community have indicated that most were pleased with the conceptual plan for the park in terms of the amenities that were displayed, however over 70% of respondents indicated that the park location should be moved to the new development currently under construction south of the proposed location. I would suggest that the township proceed with this response and works towards planning the new park in the new location.

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Approved By: _____

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