



Township of

North Dundas

RECREATION & CULTURE DEPARTMENT

To:	Mayor and Members of Council
Prepared by:	Mark Guy
Date of Meeting:	August 9, 2011
Subject:	Monthly Report

1. Programming Notes:

The July *Movies Under the Stars* events that were hosted in Winchester, went extremely well (with the exception of poor weather on the first scheduled date). An incredible amount of positive feedback and support was received from residents, visitors, and businesses. A call with inquiry was even received from a resident of Casselman! For the 2012 budget, I would like to propose expanding the series to include every weekend that isn't scheduled for a festival, fair or event.

-We had to cancel the summer camp for the week of August 8-12 due to low enrolment. The Resource Guide will be in mail boxes the week of August 8.

A local resident who resides in Mountain, owns an indoor pool, and teaches aqua fit, will be partnering with the Township Recreation Dept. A collaboration has been agreed upon that Laure & the Rec. Dept. will promote each other's services with the intent of creating customer loyalty amongst the already obtained group of aqua fit registrants. At the end of August, a flyer will be created and passes out to all aqua fit registrants, informing them of the details of Laure's Fall/Winter/Spring programs. In June 2012, a flyer will then be passed out to the registrants once again, informing them about the Township aqua fit program. Our Recreation & Culture Dept. programs and events are now being sent to a contact at the Chesterville Legion for inclusion on their digital sign. Typically the Legion charges, but we agreed to post their events on our Winchester Arena sign. Great exposure for both parties. Contact with the local fairs, festivals, and events has been maintained. Many emails have been sent to the committees regarding entertainers, media contacts, fundraising opportunities, etc.

2. Ice Requests 2011-12:

All ice requests are in and we will have a full ice schedule once again for the upcoming season. Pre-season ice requests are also filling fast for the month of September in Winchester. The ice plant in Winchester will be turned on August 19. This year we will have a new Junior C hockey team playing out of Chesterville on Sunday afternoons. I have adjusted the schedule to accommodate this new team.

3. Outside Work:

Les and the guys are working with all the groups hosting events and assisting where they can. They are mowing a whipper snipping when necessary. Most of the minor baseball and soccer has finished for the year. They have finished the interior painting of the Chesterville arena and also all the trim around the exterior of the arena. Outdoor pools are running well. A couple of break-ins have occurred but nothing of significance destroyed or taken.

4. Capital Work:

To date is an update on our capital projects for 2011.

- 1 ton truck; used 2005 truck with dump box purchased.
- Winchester arena; new floor scrubber purchased, new ice edger and Olympia have been ordered, new computer was purchased.
- Chesterville arena; new locks for the dressing room doors have been ordered, installation has yet to happen, the exterior of the arena has been painted and the water recirculation unit has been ordered.
- Park signs; currently working with a graphic designer to finalize a design and then will be sending the design to local sign makers.
- Pools; work was completed to repair cracks in pool bottoms and deck area. The plan to epoxy the interior of the pool basins has been put off until 2012. Roof on the Winchester pool building has been completed.
- A used desk was purchased for the Community Development Programmer.

Capital work not completed:

New play structure budgeted for will likely be put into reserves for 2012.

We have not had time yet to receive some prices to replace the township office skylight.

Upgrading of the outdoor lighting at the Chesterville arena; this is not likely to happen at this time.

Header trench at the Winchester arena has put off until decisions are made on the arena slabs.

5. New Park Development:

With two new park spaces being developed through new sub-divisions, Calvin and I would like to recommend that we utilize some of the parkland development fees collected to hire a landscape architect (park planner) to provide us with some designs to develop the park space. We would engage the community to get ideas and opinions on the designs. We feel this is the best way to ensure we provide a park that the residents of these particular sub-divisions would want.

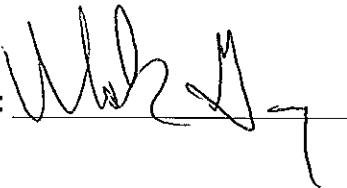
6. Flynn Park:

Our department along with the Roads Department has completed the work for this park. The pathways have 5/8 gravel on them and we recommend they stay that way until next spring to allow them to pack.

7. Winchester Arena Dehumidifier:

We have been told by Neal's Heating, who provides maintenance to our HVAC equipment for our facilities that one dehumidifier is finished. We had it repaired earlier this year but since have been having issues with it. Les is working on getting prices to replace it quickly for the upcoming ice season. The cost will likely be in and around \$40,000. We can probably shift some capital dollars not being used this year to cover a portion of the expense.

Submitted By:



Approved By:

