



Township of
North Dundas

RECREATION & CULTURE DEPARTMENT

To:	Mayor and Members of Council
Prepared by:	Mark Guy
Date of Meeting:	June 7, 2011
Subject:	Monthly Report

1. Programming Notes from Meaghan:

The Township of North Dundas will be hosting a Movies Under the Stars Series this summer. This event will consist of 2 dates, one in Winchester & one in Chesterville. The Township will be purchasing the 23' inflatable screen from the local North Dundas Movie Committee, will be using an in-house projector, as well as the sound system from the Winchester Dairyfest Committee. We will employ residents to set-up and take-down as well as run the movies. We will also entice local businesses to stay open for sales. This event will be absolutely free of charge and residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets or use the bleachers that will be brought in from the Chesterville Fair Board for these events. The Counties will be approached about road closures. We have recently purchased some fruit popsicles to sell at both the Winchester & Chesterville pools. The popsicles are 100% natural, with no preservatives. The only reason why they are not deemed a fruit is because they have a popsicle stick. As a result, they are deemed a novelty item.

These popsicles are Eat Smart approved and come complete with a freezer for storage at no additional cost. The company, which is based out of Hamilton, delivers the freezers and product for free and takes back all unopened boxes of product with a guarantee for fully money-back on this product. The cost per popsicle is \$1.49, so we will be selling them for just \$2 each. We have also secured a third freezer that will sit idle and available for fundraising purposed by local sports teams, clubs, festivals, committees and events. Should anyone require any further information on this healthy, easy, fundraiser, please call me at 613-774-2105 ext. 236. I have tons of brochures to hand out!

2. Summer Student Interviews:

All interviews for our summer positions have been held and positions have been offered. A resolution for Council is prepared.

3. Facilities & Capital work:

Both outdoor pools have been drained and work has started on repairing the cracks at both pool basins has begun along with the deck area at the Winchester pool. The pools are slated to be open on June 18. Last fall we had an area at the Forestwood Heights park leveled and seeded for a play area for the residents, unfortunately the grass did not take very well. This area will have to be re-seeded. The facility staff has been busy staying on top of the grass cutting and whipper snipping. They are also checking the Chesterville waterfront area regularly now and are continuing to transport table and chairs on a regular basis. The recreation department has purchased a new 1 ton truck and Les will be traveling to Stratford, ON to pick it up. The electronic notice sign at 100 Club park is out of commission right now. The transmitter on the sign needs to be replaced. I am waiting on the part to come in. Hopefully it will be

working soon. 411 Electric has started to install new ballasts and tubes at many of our facilities. This is part of Hydro One program where the first \$1000 to upgrade each facility is covered by them. South Nation Conservation Authority will be installing an extra dock to the boat launch in Chesterville to accommodate our canoe users.

Jim Hendry from the SD & G Stewardship Council will be attending our Council meeting on June 21 to bring Council up to date on the tree planting that has taken place. Jim will also be meeting with me on June 9 to discuss tree maintenance and what should be done in terms of proper maintenance of trees and shrubs within our parks and villages.

4. Hill 70 Ceremony:

I will be assisting the Hill 70 Committee with preparations for the Hill 70 ceremony to take place in September. One meeting has taken place to date.

5. Budget Amendment:

The recreation department had budgeted \$8000 to complete some work on the header trench at the Winchester arena. Due to the expected work that will need to be done on the slab at the Winchester arena in the near future we feel it is wiser to leave the header work until then, therefore I would like to transfer the \$8000 into our maintenance line for the Winchester parks cost centre to assist with the expense to remove the 8 popular trees at the 100 Club park in February 2011. The cost was \$7684.00

6. Active Net Numbers:

On March 21 we opened our on-line registration version of Active Net to our residents. To date we have a total of 554 registrations for our spring and summer programs. 42% of those registrations have been completed on-line. While there are still more residents using other methods for registrations, the 42% of on-line registrations represents a higher dollar value. Residents who are taking advantage of the on-line method appear to be using it for multiple registrations.

7. June 18 Facility Tour:

What facilities are Council interested in visiting on this tour?

8. June 21 Recreation Meeting:

Items on my list to date for discussion at this meeting. Does Council have items that they would like discussion on?

Arena slabs

Facility rates

Table/Chair rental

Working with volunteer groups

Mountain Park building

Facility staff workload

Playground equipment

Lifeguard wage rates

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