



Township of

North Dundas

RECREATION & CULTURE DEPARTMENT

To:	Mayor and Members of Council
Prepared by:	Mark Guy, Director of Recreation & Culture
Date of Meeting:	November 8, 2011
Subject:	Monthly Report

1. Programming Notes from Meaghan:

Our North Dundas Recreation Facebook page has really taken off. To date we have 319 friends and we are often being added by other residents and event committees. Each time NDR is notified of a local program or event, the information is "Shared" on the NDR wall so that all NDR friends can see the post. The wall is also being used to seek help from residents. Recently I posted requesting a computer, 3 children's snowsuits, 3 pairs of children's boots, and hockey helmets with cages. The page has also been used to notify friends about upcoming programs, events, required feedback, and more. The Facebook page has recently been promoted in the Winchester Press Remarks column and will also be promoted in the upcoming Winter Program Brochure that comes out in December.

Local, non profit organizations All Things Food & Linking Hands will be working in partnership to introduce a community kitchen to the residents of North Dundas and the surrounding meeting. The location is yet to be determined, but the Township will be donating the use of our cooking equipment (pots, pans, bowls, measuring spoons & bowls, cutting boards, knives, etc., that were purchased through a grant last year), aiding in advertising & promotion, and aiding with the registration process. A planning meeting is set to take place on Wednesday, November 9th at the Winchester Arena in the boardroom. I just received word back that 5 more of our youth have been approved for funding through KidSport Ontario. Each child was approved for \$250.00 for a total of \$1250.00 and the money will be given to the Winchester Skating Club and a local dance school respectively.

Trinity is busily working on events for the Parade of Lights. To date, we have 15 float entries and 12 vendor entries. Trinity will be booking a face painter for Old Town Hall, as well as a magician. The local media has been emailed a general update and the web page updates and posters should be ready to be posted next week.

To date, our North Dundas Inclusion account has financially supported 29 residents in their involvement in recreational opportunities.

2. New Park Development:

Forest Wood Heights Park – At this time we are accepting surveys from the residents of Forest Wood Heights and Cloverdale Estates until the November 25 deadline. We will evaluate the surveys and make some recommendations as to how to proceed for the 2012 budget.

Thompson Park – The developer has completed the work with this land. He would like the township to install some play equipment in this park for 2012. I am still of the belief that we work with a landscape architect for this property as well. Council will need to decide if this park development will be part of the 2012 recreation budget. My estimate is that we will need a minimum of \$100,000 for these 2 parks.

3. Arena Advertising:

I recently sent out letters to all local businesses offering a deal to advertise in our arenas. It has proven to be successful as we have sold 8 rink board ads and a couple of wall ads.

4. Outdoor Work/Facility Update:

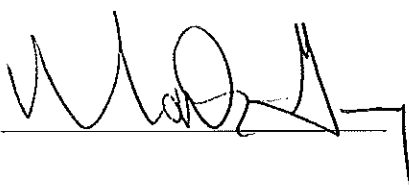
Grass cutting is finished for the year in most of our major recreation areas. Les continues to inspect all out-lying facilities on a weekly basis and he is checking all outdoor rink buildings and equipment to ensure everything is in place for the winter season. The dehumidifier has been installed at the Winchester arena by CIMCO. This capital item will need to be paid out of arena reserves and budgeted for in 2012 to replenish the reserve. There was a resolution passed in August regarding this. The guys have been transporting tables and chairs and hosting some special events in various halls recently. The North Dundas Minor Hockey tournament slated for Oct 29 & 30 was cancelled however I was able to sell quite a bit of their ice for them and their own teams picked up the rest so everything worked out for the most part. Lee Bowers is taking a train the trainer course on-line that will enable him to train our staff as well as other township staff for WHMIS. The Ministry of Labour has been quite diligent recently on ensuring municipal staff, full-time and part-time is regular trained for WHMIS.

5. Budget 2012:

Les and I will be meeting soon to go over our wish list for 2012 capital items. As mentioned above the 2 park developments as one. Council has heard our concerns and needs to replace the arena slab floors and arena boards. I feel this is something that can wait another year. We have some pool work to complete that didn't get done in 2011 and that was the epoxy work to the pool basins. At some time I would like re-visit the idea of completing the walking paths at 100 Club park south of the arena. These paths were in the original re-design of the park completed by Lashley & Associates in 2008. The paths on the north side are very popular for walkers and having a longer link would serve the community very well. Other needs are new windows for the Morewood Community Centre, a new lawn mower for grass cutting, new floor scrubber for the Chesterville arena, Chesterville Community Hall air conditioner, upgrading the kitchen and bar area at the Winchester Community Centre, a new lock system at the Winchester arena and re-lamping the lighting system for the township office building.

6. Horticulture Programs Advisory Board:

I was asked to attend this meeting by the Coordinator of the Horticulture program at Kemptville College. The college has an apprenticeship program that they run and the role of this board is to market the program to prospective companies, organizations, municipalities to receive applicants into the program. Apparently the City Cornwall has sent some of their workers to this program in order for them to look after the various horticultural areas in the city. Might be something we could consider doing. At this time I am a member of this board, I will monitor this over the next year whether it is worth my time to be involved in this.

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