



Township of
North Dundas

RECREATION & CULTURE DEPARTMENT

To:	Mayor and Members of Council
Prepared by:	Mark Guy, Director of Recreation & Culture
Date of Meeting:	October 11, 2011
Subject:	Monthly Report

1. Programming Notes from Meaghan:

We are sending in 7 applications for local children for the KidSport Ontario sport registration & equipment fund this month. Should we receive the full \$250 per child, we will be awarded a total of \$1750. Despite the fact that we will be receiving such a large amount of funding, for many of these applicants, there still remains a sum of the registration fees that need to be covered. I am working with local Principals with the Champions for Kids fund and I will be writing a letter to request support from our local Legions and service clubs. To date, our North Dundas Inclusion Fund has depleted and we obviously still have a large need for this type of financial support for our residents; especially as word spreads about the availability of funding from a Municipal level.

There was a large hiccup with the Green Food Bag for the month of August as apparently a large portion of certain types produce was of poor quality. Unknown to me, this produce was packed without being checked. The volunteers have been communicated with about this issue and "sorry" notes were packed in all of the bags. Positive feedback was received and our customers were happy about the apology and the addition of extra produce in the bags. Pie pumpkins were also purchased at J&L and apples from Smyth's Orchard. As a result, our office Co-op student created a double-sided flyer with recipes for both apple pie and pumpkin pie and put a note at the bottom of the document saying "Happy Thanksgiving from the Township of North Dundas".

2. Forestwood Heights Park:

Calvin and I met with Dave Lashley and one of his assistants at the park location on October 4 to discuss our thoughts on the new park design and some of the amenities we feel the park will have. Dave will put together an initial concept for us to review this week and to prepare for the meeting with the Forestwood heights residents on October 25.

3. Hallville Parkland:

Discussions have taken place recently to upgrade the Mountain Park building with assistance from the Mountain Lions Club. At our last meeting, the eleven acre parkland property in Hallville was discussed and that perhaps it should be considered for future development due to the increasing population in Hallville expected because of the residential sub-divisions being developed or plans for development. I looked back at our 2005 Recreation Masterplan report and there is a recommendation in the report to develop two to three acres of this property into a community park with the possibility of using the remaining acres for residential development. I have provided a copy of the recommendation from the Master Plan report.

4. **Trees:**

This week we will be planting six evergreen trees at 100 Club Park. This is part of the \$9,300 we received from the Wal-Mart Evergreen Program. These trees will be replacing the poplar trees that were removed on the east side of the park back in February. This grant also contributed \$650 to the planting of the cedar trees at Sweet Corner Park.

5. **Parade of Lights 2011:**

A first meeting was held to prepare for this year's parade which will take place December 3. The focus this year will be mostly on the parade itself along with the vendor fair. The skating club may put together an hour long skating show during the day at the arena.

6. **Walkability Workshop:**

Meaghan and I attended the Ontario Communities walkON workshop September 14 in Cornwall. The workshop's focus was about, is your community a walkable community? It was very interesting and detailed some things various communities are doing to make it easier for residents to get to where they need to go without using a motorized vehicle. Things like sidewalks in new sub-division developments, crosswalks, lighting, esthetics and establishing a pedestrian Advocacy Group were ways to make communities more walkable. I have the Walkable Toolkit booklet if Council would like to read through it. I have spoken to Rob about this and its connection to economic development in a community. Rob says there can be a link and it could be something that we look at more seriously in the future.

7. **Winchester Community Centre Security System:**

We have recently looked at our alarm system at the Winchester Community Centre and what we are paying as far as annual fees for monitoring. The system we have now is outdated for today's standards. We currently use ADT Services. Our annual fees are approximately \$600/yr; this is for the monitoring of the system as well as the phone inside the elevator to the hall. ADT is recommending we upgrade our system. The cost to do this is \$2795 with a \$290 annual fee. Protectron is quoting \$788 to install their system with annual fees of \$400. During the ice season the period of time someone is not at the arena is roughly 6-7 hours. During the off-season the period is longer that the arena is left unattended. Other than the township office this is the only other building that has an alarm system. I would like to discuss this further.

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The pools were well attended, there were some minor issues with some of the mechanical components such as a chlorinator tube, one of the motors had a power surge from a lightning strike and we finally had to run a new line around the Winchester pool building as the old line under the building has been damaged. All the cracks in the pools were fixed as well as the cracks on the pool decks. MOL was pretty satisfied with the pools themselves but wanted all the staff WHMIS trained. EOHU was good with their inspections; we had to fix a couple of things. The pools have been winterized.

The arenas were well utilized over the summer without any problems however when we had our dehumidifiers serviced for start-up and found that one of them had to be replaced. We ended up purchasing the latest, greatest dehumidifier from CIMCO as they were able to get us a loaner until the desiccant dehumidifier can be built, delivered and installed. The ice has been in and used since August 29th in Winchester and the ice has been in and used since October 1st in Chesterville. We had brine filters installed last year to get rid of contaminants and this year we had the brine brought up to proper strength, big difference in cooling the slabs. Winchester had a water circulating system installed when we had the compressor room updated, Chesterville will have one installed this fall (it's in the budget).

The ball diamonds, soccer fields and tennis courts were well used over the summer. We still have a rental using the Mountain soccer field for the month of October.

We have had some lighting upgrades in most of our facilities and we are looking at upgrading some more as the T 12 tubes are no longer made. The township office has all T 12s and we are looking at options to upgrade.

All of our part-time arena attendants have been hired for both arenas for the ice season.