



Township of  
**North Dundas**

**RECREATION & CULTURE DEPARTMENT**

<b>To:</b>	Mayor and Members of Council
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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	September 13, 2011
<b>Subject:</b>	Monthly Report

**1. Programming Notes from Meaghan:**

I am currently working on a proposal for the New Horizons for Seniors Grant. Spoke with a Business Expertise Advisor who is working with applicants and she stated that our idea was fantastic and that we are on the right track. We will be applying for funds to offer a series of once-a-week trial programs, including transportation. At the end of each program day, a survey will be handed out to all participants, asking them if they enjoyed the program, would like it organized into an 8 or 10 week program, and if they would consider paying a registration fee for such a program. We will also be applying for funds for a bi-weekly field trip series, that will take the seniors on day-trips to locations such as Beau's Brewery, area museums, Alight At Night, Glengarry Cheese Making, Mountain Orchards, Old Fort Henry in Kingston, and the Perennial Gardens in Maitland. Additionally, we will be launching a weekly senior's matinee, where all admission charges will be reinvested into the program & daytrip series in order to decrease associated fees and ensure both series are sustainable. Furthermore, we will be applying for roughly \$11,000 to purchase a tourney seat for the Nor-Dun bus and a portable chair lift for Old Town Hall.

I would like to add an icon to our page for "NDR Sports Equipment Sale, Swap & Donate". When you click on the icon, you get sent to a page with a listing of equipment that is for sale, trade or giveaway in North Dundas. It would be like a North Dundas Kijiji. In that listing would be a link for email submissions that is linked to my email address so that I could ensure the proper information is all there and that it is for recreation equipment only. I would then pass it along for posting. The only 2 guidelines are that the equipment must be located in North Dundas and the posting gets taken off every 30 days, but can be resubmitted.

August marked the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the North Dundas Green Food Bag. Local media attended as well as supporters and sponsors of the project.

**2. Outdoor Pools:**

The outdoor pool season has ended and the staff will be shutting them down this month. We a few mechanical issues but overall it was a problem free summer. The staff all worked out well and the new popsicle sales went extremely well. Next year myself and the Outdoor Pool Coordinator will be organizing a training week for the pool staff. We feel this is necessary as the Ministry of Labour has upped their visits to our pools as had the health department. We want to ensure the staff has proper knowledge to all areas related to these issues.

**3. Capital/Facility Work:**

We have received our new Olympia for the Winchester arena as well as our new ice edger. The dressing room locks at the Chesterville arena have been changed to conform to the Fire department's recommendation to have the doors able to be opened from the inside if they are locked. The new water recirculation unit will be installed on the refrigeration plant in Chesterville later in September. Our new dehumidifier in Winchester has not arrived yet but we were given a used one in the meantime. The Winchester arena is up and running. The weather co-operated this year so the ice is in good shape. The ice in Chesterville will get going on September 19. All ice contracts are completed and we have a full schedule at both arenas. We have installed a new shower in the referee's room at the Chesterville arena. This was a request from the new Junior C team that is starting this year. We have hired a contract employee to replace an employee who is on a disability leave for the ice season in Winchester. The recreation department also assisted with the new Flynn Park' development. The grass is still growing so grass cutting will continue. Most of the outdoor sports have finished for the year. There is still some adult soccer and baseball going on.

**4. Forest wood Heights and Thompson Park:**

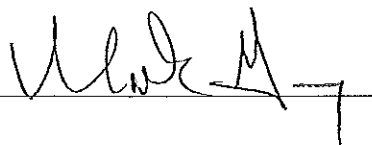
I have spoken with Dave Lashley of Lashley & Associates regarding the development of these two parks. Dave has provided a quote for his services to work with us. We will focus on the forest wood heights property first and have scheduled an open house meeting with the community of forest wood heights on October 25 to receive their input on the park and its development.

**5. Heritage/Culture Volunteer Placement:**

Meaghan and I interviewed an individual who was looking for a placement in the area of Heritage/Culture. We spoke with him about the possibly of him working on some events at the Old Town Hall and carrying on with some of the work our summer heritage student has done. He would be available for a period of 4 to 6 months. I should have an answer on this by next month. I have the Heritage Coordinator's final report. If Council would like to read it, they can come to my office to get it.

**6. Train the Trainer Workshop:**

Meaghan and I will be attending this workshop on September 14. The workshop information is Building walkable communities in the United Counties of S, D & G. I will provide some feedback at the October council meeting.

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