



Township of

North Dundas

RECREATION & CULTURE DEPARTMENT

To:	Mayor and Members of Council
Prepared by:	Mark Guy
Date of Meeting:	April 12, 2011
Subject:	Monthly Report

1. Programming Notes from Meaghan:

I have applied for a new grant with GoodLife Fitness. The grant is called GoodLife Kids Foundation and the amount requested is \$6,300.00. This money was requested for the purchase of 25 pairs of youth snowshoes and 10 pairs of adult snowshoes for both Winchester P.S. & Chesterville P.S., totalling 70 pairs. The reason for application was because the 50 pairs of snowshoes from our Recreation Lending Library were very popular this year and each school was only able to borrow the snowshoes for about 2 weeks each. The students loved having the equipment available for recesses and it increases physical activity levels in all of the students. This also creates opportunities for in-school programming and will help to promote winter geocaching in North Dundas. The snowshoes will be stored at the respective schools. The next round for the GoodLife Kids Foundation will be open in September 2011. We hope to apply for up to \$10,000 for the purchase of gymnastics equipment for our local schools and also to begin evening and/or weekend gymnastics programs through the Township. We recently received \$500 from *Live, Play, Be Tobacco Free*. This is our second \$500.00 grant from this source. This money has already been spent at a local sign shop, on the design and purchase of 24 signs for our Tobacco-Free Policy, which will be posted around Township recreation areas.

Mark and I sampled some 100% fruit popsicles at the recent conference. The popsicles are very affordable, come with complementary freezers for the duration of the vending time, and all unopened packages can be returned at no cost. We will be trying to secure 1 freezer for each pool, as well as one that will be available for our local programs, teams, events, schools, and committees for fundraising purposes. The expected profit on each popsicle is \$0.70 and this is a very easy and profitable way that the Township can aid fundraising efforts in our communities. Also found at the conference was a new funding source, much like Canadian Tire Jump Start, but the new fund aids with both registration fees and equipment fees. This will be added to the list of recreation aids listed in our advertising and on the website.

2. Capital Projects 2011:

Les and I have already started the process of moving forward with our capital purchases and projects that have been budget approved.

3. Community Funding Applications:

I received 5 community funding applications by our April 1 deadline. A meeting will be held by the evaluation committee on Monday, April 11. I will bring our recommendations to the Council meeting on April 12.

4. Active Net On-line:

Residents are now able to register for our programs on-line and view our facility calendars to check for availability as well. There have been some small glitches encountered by the residents but we have been able to assist them with these issues. To date our reports are telling us that the residents are taking advantage of this as registrations through on-line are over 50% of our total.

5. Tobacco Free Policy:

Meaghan received a \$500 grant to purchase many signs signifying our tobacco free policy. I will be getting the facility staff to put these signs up on the front of our facilities and in areas within our parks that will be visible to our users. Les and I will also be meeting with the facility staff once the ice is out in Winchester, as we do every year, to go over our spring and summer work plan and to make them aware of our tobacco free policy and how we would like them to be part of the process in terms of implementing this policy.

6. Upper Canada Rodeo:

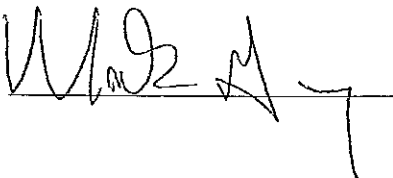
The rodeo committee submitted an email outlining their event plans and made a number of requests to the township for assistance because of the use of the arena parking.

- a. The township will not provide insurance to the Upper Canada Rodeo but will request a copy of their liability insurance policy and asked that the township be added to their policy as an additional insured.
- b. The recreation department will provide the rodeo event with garbage cans, table/chairs and a garbage bin.
- c. The recreation department will open the Chesterville arena between the hours of 8am and 10am on Saturday and Sunday of the rodeo for contestant and camper showering.
- d. Access to parking at the Chesterville arena will be available.
- e. Snow fencing will be made available to the rodeo committee.
- f. The Chesterville pool will be open on Saturday and Sunday at regular summer hours.
- g. If someone wants to use the sports fields at the Chesterville fairgrounds they must be booked through the recreation department.

7. Parks and Recreation Ontario Conference:

Meaghan and I attended this conference at the Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville March 29-April 1. An excellent conference as stated above in the Programmer's report. Both of us attended some very informative sessions on topics such as increasing access to recreation services, where we heard of a project from the County of Northumberland that is working very well for them. Others were Geocaching, after school program movements and strategies for implementing a municipal sponsorship program. Next year the conference will be in Niagara Falls and I encourage members of council to attend. I believe you will find it worthwhile.

Submitted By:



Approved By:

