



Township of  
**North Dundas**

**RECREATION & CULTURE DEPARTMENT**

<b>To:</b>	Mayor and Members of Council
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Meaghan Meerburg, Director of Recreation & Culture
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	February 4, 2014
<b>Subject:</b>	Monthly Report

**1. Programming Updates:**

Tickets for the Dan Hill concert, that is scheduled for Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at Old Town Hall in Winchester, are now sold out. Tickets continue to sell for the song writer's workshop that is scheduled for the following day. Workshop tickets are available for purchase online at [www.northdundas.com](http://www.northdundas.com). Tickets are \$60 for adults & seniors and \$40 for students. A program guide is being put together for the concert and ad space is available for interested parties.

On Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the second Annual Super Bowl Party was held at the Old Town Hall Theatre.

New shinny hockey programs were offered for the January-March program term, at both of our local arenas. The programs required pre-registration for a low fee of \$60.00, for 11 weeks. The programs were unfortunately cancelled due to low registration. The feedback received, was that people wanted the program to be a drop-in. The suggestion was also made to offer a daytime program at 10:30am, which would allow farmers the opportunity to participate on days that are opposite to those that Morrisburg currently offers shinny hockey. These changes will be made next year.

Lunchtime public skating is now offered at both arenas. The Winchester host time is Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:30am – 1:00pm. In Chesterville, it is Thursdays from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm.

As of December 1<sup>st</sup>, all online program registrations are subject to a convenience fee. These transaction fees were previously billed by Activenet to the Township directly. The convenience fee is calculated at the time of checkout and is based on the total price of the online transaction.

Upcoming events for February:

**Open Mic Nights** - Every Thursday at 7:00pm, Old Town Hall in Winchester – Free

**Open Art Studio** - Tuesday nights, 7:00-9:00pm or Thursdays, 1:00-3:00pm (ongoing), Chesterville – \$10 drop in fee.

**Cake Decorating Course** - Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-4:00pm, Chesterville – \$90.00 + HST

**Skiing/Snowboarding at Mont Sainte Sauveur** - Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, leaving from Winchester – \$75 + HST for a lift pass & bus pass, \$90 + HST for a lift pass, bus pass and equipment rentals

**Olympic Hockey Bronze/Gold Medal Round Screening** - Old Town Hall in Winchester – Date/Time/Price to be confirmed.

## **2. Facility Updates:**

The new signs for the Morewood Community Hall and the Winchester ball diamonds have been installed.

The men's and women's washroom facilities at the Nelson Laprade Centre have been updated. New flooring has been installed, the vanities, sinks, taps and mirrors have been replaced, and the light fixtures and door knobs were updated. The flooring in the kitchen was also replaced and the cabinetry has received updated handles.

The stage has been removed at the Chesterville Community Hall and the flooring in the stage area, has been replaced with new VCT tile.

Flooring repairs have been completed at the Morewood Community Hall.

The Morewood Community Hall garage, which houses the rink change room, is open for the season and the heater has been repaired.

The Old Town Hall has had a number of small repairs addressed.

The Hallville outdoor rink building has had the water pump for the building revamped and one of the wall heaters fixed.

The Inkerman rink has had the front door glass replaced and a sheet of poly carbonate material (Lexan) was installed over the kitchen window to replace the broken pane.

We are currently working on obtaining quotes from various companies for furnaces and hot water tanks at a few of our different facilities.

## **3. Chesterville Pool House Roof:**

We have received a budgetary price for the application of asphalt shingles vs. tin. The difference in price is approximately \$600, with shingles being the less expensive option. The contractor who provided an estimate for this roof replacement, advised replacing the current shingles with tin for the small price difference and due to the longer lifespan of tin.

## **4. Morewood Community Hall:**

The current hot water tanks (HWT) in the Morewood Community Hall garage have been red tagged and therefore need to be replaced. We are currently working towards obtaining quotes from different companies for a new, 75 gallon HWT. I am working closely with the Morewood RA as they have agreed to purchase the unit with the funds that they have raised over the years.

## **5. Hydro One PowerPlay Grant:**

An application was submitted for the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for the new round of HOPP funding. The funding request was for \$25,000 to help with the slab and rink board replacement renovation at the Joel Steele Community Centre.

## **6. Chesterville Arena Sound System:**

We have received a revised quote for a replacement sound system for the Chesterville Arena. The quote includes a mixer, amplifier, microphone, 2 speakers for over the bleachers, cabling, connectors, hardware, adaptors, supplies for wiring, and installation. The fee for this revised quote is \$2700.00 + HST.

**7. Surveillance Cameras for the Chesterville Waterfront:**

I am in contact with three companies who specialize in surveillance camera systems. I hope to have information for Council in my March report, pertaining to rental systems as well as systems that we can purchase.

**8. Save on Energy Grant:**

Replacement lighting for the Chesterville, Morewood and South Mountain Fire Halls were included in the 2014 budget proposal. It has been confirmed that the Township of North Dundas' request for Save on Energy (SOE) funding, was approved for these halls. Furthermore, the cost savings resulting from the SOE, was already factored into affiliated budget line items.

**9. 1 B William St:**

As Council is aware, Happy Face Nursery School has relocated to Chesterville Public School. As a result, the building that they previously rented, located at 1B William St., remains vacant. Currently the space is only used for weekly drop-in workshops for an art program that Gina is facilitating as part of our program line-up. I would like to seek Council's approval to advertise the building for rent at current market rate, plus utilities.

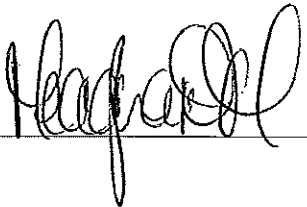
**11. Full-time Facility Operator Position:**

Interviews were conducted for the full-time position of Facility Operator for the Recreation & Culture Department. As a result, I would like to recommend that Tom Sloane be offered this position. The anticipated start date is Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, at which time Mr. Sloane will commence a 6-month probation.

**12. Facility Operator Contract Extension:**

I would like to ask Council for permission to extend the original 10-week contract of Facility Operator Josh Morgan until March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_



Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_



