

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

QUARTERLY UPDATE

DATE: May 23, 2023
TO: Committee of the Whole
FROM: Calvin Murphy, Recreation Manager
SUBJECT: Recreation Department Quarterly Report – #Q2

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

During the 1st Quarter the Recreation Department concluded its indoor recreation facilities activities on March 31st, 2023, at which time ice surfaces (including curling) were removed from both the John Levi Community Centre and The Stewart Community Centre in Pakenham.

The results from The Community Services Survey that was conducted in the fall of 2022 were presented to Council at the March 21st, 2023, Committee of The Whole meeting. At the conclusion of this meeting a working group consisting of Councilor Torrance, Councilor Ferguson, Councilor Lowe, Anita Legault - Manager of Daycare Services, Tiffany MacLaren – Manager of Community and Economic Development, Calvin Murphy- Recreation Manager and CAO Ken Kelly was established to direct the next phase of the project (Community Services Master Plan).

Student Interviews for the 2023 Summer Season were completed in early April 2023. 3 summer students were hired and will begin their employment with the Municipality in May 2023.

Council agreed to allow the tendering of replacement equipment for the Almonte Curling Refrigeration plant, on the condition that the project would only proceed if funding for the project is secured.

Council also authorized an application to the Trillium Foundation for upwards of \$150,000 in 2023 towards the Almonte Curling Refrigeration plant.

2023 PROJECT UPDATES:

1. Community Services Master Plan

The Community Services Master Plan working group have started to meet and will be setting schedules for meetings with user groups shortly.

2. Pakenham Soccer Program Registration

Registration for the program took place on Wednesday April 19th at the Stewart Community Centre in Pakenham from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Registration numbers were higher than ever, with 123 registrations on the first night.

3. Budget 2023

With the approval of the 2023 Budget the following Capital projects are being worked on. These projects include:

- Compressor Overhaul work at the John Levi Community Centre.
- Appleton Soccer field fence replacement
- Pakenham Ball diamond fence repairs
- Dock improvements Riverfront Park
- Almonte Lawn Bowling Club Facility Upgrades
- Dehumidifier replacement – John Levi Community Centre
- Picnic tables for parks
- Almonte arena Hot Water Tank
- John Levi Community Centre Furnace replacement
- Wellness Fitness Trail equipment
- John Levi Community Centre roof repair work

4. Arena canteens

The Recreation Manager has been involved in discussions with an interested party to take over the arena canteens for the 2023-2024 ice season.

KPIs:

Arena ice allocation October 2023 – March 31st, 2024

Ice allocation for the 2023-2024 season has begun with a deadline for groups to submit their ice requests by June 2023. At this point in time, we anticipate approximately 35 user groups booking ice for the upcoming season.

LOOKING AHEAD:

1. Splash Pad in Gemmill Park to reopen for the summer months the long weekend in May 2023.
2. Ball Diamonds and Soccer Pitches in Almonte and Pakenham are scheduled to reopen on Saturday May 20th, 2023 (Weather permitting).
3. The Recreation Manager continues to meet regularly with the Pakenham Bicentennial Committee to plan activities for Pakenham which are scheduled to take place on the weekend of August 18th, 19th and 20th.
4. The Recreation Manager along with The Almonte Curling club are working on a Trillium grant submission for the middle of June.
5. The Recreation Manager in collaboration with interested Pickleball players have found a suitable location for Pickleball for the spring/summer 2023. 4 Pickleball courts have been placed on the Almonte Curling Club slab where players can enjoy the sport of Pickleball rain or shine during the spring/summer months.

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by:

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