

# **THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS**

## **QUARTERLY UPDATE**

**DATE:** September 19, 2023

**TO:** Committee of the Whole

**FROM:** Calvin Murphy, Recreation Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recreation Department Quarterly Report – Q3

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### **DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:**

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter the Recreation Department continued their work in the parks, with continuous Ball Diamond, Soccer Field, Beach and Splash Pad Maintenance. 3 Summer students were hired to help with the overall upkeep of the various recreational areas throughout the Municipality. This summer was extremely busy in the Recreation Department with the addition of the various Bicentennial events occurring on a weekly basis along with the regular annual events.

A Trillium application for upwards of \$150,000 was submitted by The Recreation Manager for the replacement of the Almonte Curling Refrigeration plant, with an expected time frame of October 2023 to hear back on whether or not the Municipality was successful with their application.

The Community Services Master Plan working group conducted several meetings with various interest groups throughout the municipality over the summer months to gather feedback on different aspects of Recreation, Culture and Childcare. All information is now being reviewed and will be brought forward to Council in October to highlight what was captured throughout the various sessions.

The Recreation Manager will be meeting with the Pakenham Bicentennial Committee to wrap up a very successful event that took place in Pakenham the weekend of August 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Pickleball program operating at the Almonte Curling Club this past spring/summer concluded August 31<sup>st</sup>. The program attracted well over 100 participants and proved to be a successful initiative.

At the beginning of July, The Recreation Manager initiated an Off - Leash Dog Park Pilot Project at the under-utilized Snedden Casey Ball Diamond. The response from the public to this point has been very positive and the park is being used on a frequent basis.

## **2023 PROJECT UPDATES/PENDING ITEMS:**

### **1. Fall/Winter season start up**

The Recreation Department is now gearing up for the start of the Fall/Winter season. Outdoor maintenance will conclude in the next couple of months and indoor activities will resume in the community centers with the arenas/curling ice opening for business on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> in Pakenham and Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> in Almonte.

### **2. Budget 2023**

The following Capital projects have been completed or are in the progress and are to be completed before the end of the current fiscal year.

Compressor overhaul work at the John Levi Community Centre- **(Complete)**  
Appleton Soccer field fence replacement – **(Complete)**  
Pakenham Ball Diamond fence repairs – **(In progress)**  
Dock Improvements Riverfront Park – **(Complete)**  
Almonte Lawn Bowling Club Facility Upgrades – **(Complete)**  
Dehumidifier replacement – John Levi Community Centre – **(In progress)**  
Picnic tables for parks – **(Complete)**  
Almonte arena Hot Water Tank – **(Complete)**  
John Levi Community Centre Furnace replacement- **(In progress)**  
Wellness Fitness Trail equipment- **(Complete)**  
John Levi Community Centre roof work- **(In progress)**

## **KPIs:**

### **Arena ice allocation September 2023 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024**

The 2023 -2024 Ice season has begun at the Stewart Community Centre in Pakenham, with the John Levi Community Centre starting up on September 30<sup>th</sup>. 35 user groups will book ice time for the upcoming season between both locations.

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

1. The Recreation department are in the process of hiring part-time Recreation Facilities maintenance staff for this fall/winter. The deadline for applications is Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>.

2. The Recreation Manager has been working with staff to develop the 2024 Recreation Budget with Budget meetings scheduled for the middle of October with Council to review and discuss.
3. Fall/Winter programming has commenced for the Recreation department with programs such as Pickleball, Volleyball, Badminton, Basketball, Recreational hockey, Line dancing, and Yoga set to begin. Registration will begin to take place on Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> at Mississippi Mills At A Glance and continue through the month of September.

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by:

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