

# THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

## QUARTERLY UPDATE

**DATE:** January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
**TO:** Committee of the Whole  
**FROM:** Calvin Murphy, Recreation Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Recreation Department Quarterly Report – Q4

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### DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

During the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter the Recreation Department transitioned to indoor recreation facilities activities. Fall recreational programming commenced throughout Mississippi Mills. Program registration for volleyball, basketball, fitness classes, line dancing, recreational hockey, indoor pickleball, 5 Span Strong, adult yoga, senior shuffleboard, badminton and babysitting course was successful. All programs are up and running out of the schools and recreation facilities. The Recreation Department added additional programming options for youth (volleyball and pick-up hockey) for older youth this fall/winter which has proved to be very successful.

Collaboration with community volunteers saw the outdoor rink boards installed at Augusta Street Park. New this season was the installation of outdoor rink boards in Meadowglen park. The Recreation Manager worked alongside community volunteers to ensure they had the necessary resources to attempt an outdoor rink in this location.

Christmas events in Mississippi Mills took place the weekend of December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> with the traditional Light Up the Night event and Christmas parades in both Pakenham and Almonte. Recreation staff were involved with coordination, delivery of supplies and implementation of the events.

### 2025 PROJECT UPDATES/PENDING ITEMS:

1. **2024 Capital Projects.** All 2024 capital projects for the recreation department were considered complete and within budget at the end of December 2024.

These projects included:

Table replacement- Stewart Community Centre  
Wooden Gate posts replacement in Gemmill

Park signage replacement  
Gemmill Park Field House- roof replacement  
John Levi Community Centre- chiller replacement  
Cedar Hill School house paving  
Almonte Curling Club- refrigeration plant replacement  
Almonte Curling Club- basement LED lighting

2. **Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund.** Is a cost-shared program for up to 50% funding for municipalities aiming to build a better Ontario to foster healthier and more active lifestyles for families investing in sport and recreation infrastructure. The Recreation Manager applied on behalf of the municipality for funding where the municipality could receive up to \$142,500,00 for costs associated with an arena condenser unit, concrete and asphalt repair work, emergency exit canopy construction, exterior door and framework and air conditioning unit for the upper hall at the John Levi Community Centre in Almonte. The Recreation Manager was informed that the municipality should receive an update on successful applications by February 2025.
3. **Mississippi Mills Youth Engagement Strategy.** The Recreation Manager has been working with representatives of the Mississippi Mills Youth Centre over the last several months on the development of a youth engagement session. The intention was to gather information from youth in the community to see where the needs are and what is lacking for youth services in Mississippi Mills. Representatives from the Mississippi Mills Youth Centre are scheduled to appear as a delegation to Council on Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss their findings from the November 17, 2024, THRIVE workshop that took place at the John Levi Community Centre.
4. **Community Services Master Plan.** The municipality entered into agreement with Stantec consulting services in early December 2024 to finalize the Community Services Master Plan for the municipality. A start up meeting took place on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with senior management staff and Stantec consulting to begin discussions on the plan. Stakeholder and public consultation is tentatively scheduled for April 7-11, 2025. The intention is for the Master plan to come forward to Council for review in May 2025.

**KPIs:**

The following breakdown is a summary of recreation hall rentals and revenue received over the last half of 2024 (July 2024-December 2024).

Summary of Hall Rentals												
July - December 2024												
Event Type	#	SCC Upper Hall	#	SCC Slab	#	JLCC Upper Hall	#	JLCC Slab	#	Cedar Hill S.H.	#	Curling Lounge
Municipal Training/Meetings/Open Houses	2	No Charge			2	No Charge	1	No Charge	1	No Charge		
Municipal Programs & Events	7	No Charge			7	No Charge					1	No Charge
External Sports/Fitness/Social Programs	1	\$1,028.30			4	\$2,630.08	3	\$2,732.34	3	\$508.50		
Private Meetings	1	\$59.33			1	\$158.20			3	No Charge	1	No Charge
Hockey Tournament Days/Hockey Meetings	6	No Charge			4	\$79.10						
Private Gatherings (Parties/Weddings/Showers/Funerals)	7	\$1,358.97	1	\$198.32	7	\$902.98			8	\$890.44		
Public Events (art/music/crafters/sports/sales)					6	\$3,409.21	2	\$2,574.14			1	\$986.49
Stag/Doe					1	\$659.92						
Misc. (Church Bookings)	2	\$339.57										
Misc. (Day Care Booking/Summer Camps)	1	\$10,815.76					1	\$1,089.32	1	\$525.45		
<b>Total Events by Category</b>	<b>27</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>32</b>		<b>7</b>		<b>16</b>		<b>3</b>	
<b>Total Revenue Collected by Location</b>		<b>\$13,601.93</b>		<b>\$198.32</b>		<b>\$7,839.49</b>		<b>\$6,395.80</b>		<b>\$1,924.39</b>		<b>\$986.49</b>
<b>Total # of Events Held at Recreation Halls</b>												<b>79</b>
<b>Total Revenue for Recreation Hall Bookings</b>												<b>\$30,946.42</b>

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

Hockey Kraftville is a competition designed to find which Canadian hockey community stands above all others. It aims to rally people together and help protect the future of hockey in Canada. Successful applications can receive \$250,000 towards upgrades to their arena facility and the opportunity to host an NHL pre-season hockey game. Two community members have approached the municipality with interest in applying for 2025. Applications for Hockey Kraftville 2025 are accepted until March 2, 2025, and the intent is for the application to be submitted by community members and not municipalities. The Recreation

Manager has been working alongside the community members and local hockey associations to ensure they have everything required to put forward a legitimate application. The top 4 applications will be announced on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and the winning announcement to take place on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Looking ahead to the Q1 of 2025 staff are busy preparing for activities to take place over the Family Day weekend. (Monday February 17<sup>th</sup>) as well as March Break activities through the week of March 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. And the St. Patty's Day dance at the Stewart Community Centre in Pakenham on Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>.

With the approval of the 2025 budget, staff will be working on completing all projects earmarked for this year.

Arena/Curling ice operations at the John Levi Community Centre and arena operations at the Stewart Community Centre in Pakenham will conclude for another season this spring. The arena ice allocation process for the 2025-2026 ice season will then commence.

Respectfully submitted by,

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