

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

QUARTERLY UPDATE

DATE: August 26th, 2025

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Calvin Murphy, Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Recreation Department Quarterly Report – Q#2

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

During the 2nd Quarter the Recreation Department was busy transitioning to outdoor activities, ensuring ball diamonds, soccer fields, tennis courts, splash pad and washroom facilities were in proper working order moving into the summer season. Summer recreation facilities were opened to the public on Friday May 16th, 2025. (The May long weekend).

The 2025 Pakenham Soccer program ran from the end of May 2025 through July 2025. The program was successful again this year drawing interest from 112 participants.

The Almonte Pickleball summer program began on Monday May 5th at the John Levi Community Centre (Almonte Curling Slab). This was the third year for the pickleball program in Almonte generating interest from 223 registrations.

In June 2025, The Municipality received notice from the province confirming approval of an application for the 2025-2026 Seniors Community Grant program in the amount of \$13,197.00. This application was submitted for pickleball programming resources in Pakenham for the months of July and August 2025. The funding allowed the municipality to purchase the necessary equipment for pickleball in Pakenham this summer as well as staffing the programming. This new program in Pakenham has generated interest from the public. It is being run as a drop-in program and as of Tuesday August 5th, 97 participants have enjoyed the program. (87 residents and 10 non-residents).

This is the first year that Mississippi Mills participated in the ParticipACTION Community Challenge. The municipality was very successful and placed in the **top 40 finalists** out of over 1,000 communities across the country. The municipality received a **\$1,500 grant** from ParticipACTION to help organize free activities for residents in the community. These activities included 'Learn to Play Pickleball', 'Fitness in the Park', 'Yoga in the Park', 'Paddle the Mississippi River', 'Walks with the Mayor in Almonte and Pakenham' and more. Over 20 local organizations logged activities which included the

Almonte Soccer Club, The Mississippi Golf Club, The Almonte Fitness Centre, Almonte District High School and more. The municipality received **over 3000 check-ins** with daily activity check-in initiative.

2025 PROJECT UPDATES/PENDING ITEMS:

1. On April 30th, 2025, at the John Levi Community Centre and June 16th 2025 at the Stewart Community Centre, two separate public information sessions occurred where the public were invited to provide comment and review a draft copy of the Community Services Master plan. Both public information sessions drew interest from the community. The Community Services Master Plan was then approved by Council at the Tuesday June 17th meeting.
2. Discussions pertaining to extending the current Almonte Curling Club lease agreement with the Almonte Curling Club, the CAO and Recreation Manager, took place in May 2025 resulting in a three-year agreement with The Almonte Curling Club.
3. Three summer students were hired for the 2025 summer season in the Recreation Department. Two of the three students began their employment with the municipality at the beginning of May, with the third student starting at the beginning of July 2025. All three students conclude their summer employment at the end of August 2025.
4. This summer the Recreation Department organized and ran a summer sports camp out of the John Levi Community Centre for the month of July and the week of August 11th. Numbers were consistent for the duration of the summer camp, averaging 20 children per week. The intention is to run the camp again for the 2026 summer season.
5. The Recreation Manager began discussions with an interested group regarding the operation of the arena canteens at both the John Levi Community Centre and Stewart Community Centre. A one-year agreement has been entered into for the upcoming 2025-2026 ice season at both arena facilities.

KPIs:

The information below provides a comparison of revenues received for our recreational halls at both facilities in Mississippi Mills for the first six months of the year (Jan-June 2024) and (Jan-June 2025). It also provides a breakdown of revenues for the Cedar Hill School House which operates and is booked for rentals during the months of April until the end of October annually (7 months).

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January - June 2025

Event Type	#	SCC Upper Hall	#	SCC Slab	#	JLCC Upper Hall	#	JLCC Slab	#	Cedar Hill S.H.	#	Curling Lounge
Municipal Training/Meetings/ Open Houses	3	\$0.00			4	\$0.00			2	\$0.00	1	\$0.00
Municipal Programs & Events	8	\$0.00	1	0.00	9	\$0.00	1	\$0.00			2	\$0.00
External Sports & Social Programs	4	\$2,577.53			9	\$9451.32 (includes 3 N/C)	4	\$4,565.20			1	\$40.68
Private Meetings									1	\$108.48		
Private Gatherings (Parties/Weddings/Showers/Funerals)	5	\$1,104.01	1	560.48	12	\$3,044.22	1	\$223.74	2	\$200.01	3	\$678.00
Public Events (art/music/crafters/sports/sales)	1	\$1,020.39	1	\$1,160.51			2	\$1,757.99	2	\$592.12	2	\$705.12
Stag/Doe					4	\$2,076.94						
Misc. (Elections - \$5,279.35 owing)	2	\$2,155.45			2	\$3,155.45					1	\$1,679.35
Total Events by Category	23		3		40		8		7		10	
Total Revenue Collected by Location		\$6,857.38		\$1,720.99		\$17,727.93		\$6,546.93		\$900.61		\$3,103.15
Total # of Events Held at Recreation Halls			91									
Total Revenue for Recreation Hall Bookings		\$36,856.99										

LOOKING AHEAD:

1. With the fall season approaching the recreation department is starting to organize its programming for the fall/winter season. The Mississippi Mills Community Open House will take place on Wednesday September 10th from 6 p.m – 8 p.m at the John Levi Community Centre where members of the public can come, explore and register their children in programming for the 2025-2026 season.
2. The planning stages for the 2026 budget have begun in the Recreation Department for both operating and capital projects. The Recreation Manager has been working with staff to develop the budget. Budget meetings are scheduled in October to review further.

Respectfully submitted by,

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