

# THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

## QUARTERLY UPDATE

**DATE:** April 28, 2026  
**TO:** Committee of the Whole  
**FROM:** Calvin Murphy, Recreation Department  
**SUBJECT:** Recreation Department Quarterly Report – Q#1

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### DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter the Recreation Department concluded its indoor recreation facility activities on Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at the Stewart Community Centre in Pakenham and Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> 2026 at the John Levi Community Centre in Almonte, at which time ice surfaces were removed from both facilities. The Almonte curling season concluded on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

On Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, The Recreation Department organized a military family skate at the John Levi Community Centre. This skate was free for military families with hot dogs and hot chocolate courtesy of the Almonte Legion. Although the turnout was not high for this event, the intent is to investigate other recreational options for our military families in the future.

March Break activities (week of March 16<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup>) took place throughout Mississippi Mills, including free public skates, movies, animal shows and our annual St. Patrick's Day dance in Pakenham.

Student interviews for the summer season were completed in April 2026. Interviews for the Almonte summer day camp program staff were conducted. Our three returning recreation laborer staff (summer staff) are expected to begin their employment in May 2026, with summer day camp staff starting in June 2026.

Interviews were conducted in April for part-time Recreation Facilities Laborer staffing positions to help fill the part-time staff turnover that occurs from year to year.

Interviews were conducted for the Administrative Assistant position.

## **2026 PROJECT UPDATES/PENDING ITEMS:**

1. Registration for the Pakenham Soccer program took place on Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Stewart Community Centre in Pakenham from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. The program received approximately 80 registrations.
2. On Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, The Mississippi Mills Community Open House took place at The John Levi Community Centre. The Recreation Department held registration for the 2026 Indoor pickleball program(s). The Pickleball program has expanded and our department now runs a drop in program at The Stewart Community Centre in Pakenham. A total of 170 registrations have been received at this point in time.
3. The Recreation Manager has been involved in discussions with our canteen arena operator. This season was a learning opportunity for the canteen staff, and they are looking forward to returning for the 2026-2027 ice season.
4. The Recreation Manager submitted a Trillium application for the replacement of the Almonte Tennis court project by the deadline of Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>. If successful a maximum of \$200,000 in funding for this project could be received for the project. All applicants will be notified by early July 2026 as to whether they were successful.
5. The Almonte Tennis court refurbishment tender will be released at the end of April 2026, with a closing date in May 2026. The results of the tender will be presented to Council in June 2026 with the work scheduled to commence by the middle of August and completed by October 2026.
6. The Recreation Manager and CAO have met with representatives of the Almonte Tennis Club, Almonte Lawn Bowling Club and Almonte Curling Club to discuss their existing agreements with the municipality and a way to move forward following the recommendations from the Community Services Master Plan. All groups understand the importance of working together to resolve some of the concerns and questions that have come up recently. Discussions will continue as the agreements are set to expire.
7. The Grass Cutting Tender to service municipal properties for the next two summer seasons (2026 and 2027) was released in February 2026. The successful bidder for this contract was Troy Property Maintenance.

**KPIs:**

The 2025-2026 arena ice season has now concluded. The following information provides a comparison of the revenues over the last two seasons at both arenas in Mississippi Mills. Overall, our ice rental revenues have increased.

<b>2024-2025 Ice Season</b>		
<b>John Levi Community Centre (JLCC) - Ice Arena</b>		
<b>Client Type</b>	<b># of Contracts</b>	<b>Ice Revenue</b>
<b>Full Season Users:</b> OVSS, MTK, CPGHA, Titans, APMHA, Raiders, Almonte Mens, Almonte Oldtimers, Pond Hockey, Inferno, Community Living, A. Foubert, Rise & Grind	13	\$240,955
<b>Single Bookings -</b> Hockey Practices, Birthday Parties, Family Skates, etc.	29	\$8,246
<b>Figure Skating -</b> Almonte Carleton Place Skating Club	1	\$13,211
<b>Broomball - G. Brown, J. Kealey, Lanark Ladies Broomball</b>	<b>3</b>	\$5,398
<b>Public Skating Sponsorships</b> <b>*New for 2024-2025 Ice Season</b>	6	\$1,194
<b>JLCC Arena - Total Ice Revenue</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>\$269,004</b>

## Stewart Community Centre - Ice Arena

Client Type	# of Contracts	Ice Revenue
<b>Full Season Users:</b> OVSS, MTK, CPGHA, Titans, APMHA, J. Barr, B. Barr, D. Dickson, G. Briscoe, Pakenham Friday Night, Pakenham Midtimers, Pakenhockey, West Carelton Ladies Ringette, N. Stewart	14	\$124,413
<b>Single Bookings -</b> Hockey Practices, Birthday Parties, Family Skates, etc.	10	\$2,959
<b>Broomball -</b> J. Dods, McMillan Ladies Broomball, G. Brown	3	\$13,969
<b>Public Skating Sponsorship</b> *New for 2024-2025 Ice Season	1	\$199
<b>SCC Arena -</b> <b>Total Ice Revenue</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$141,540</b>
<b>Total Ice Revenue (Both Rinks)</b>		<b>\$410,544</b>

## 2025-2026 Ice Season

### John Levi Community Centre (JLCC) - Ice Arena

Client Type	# of Contracts	Ice Revenue
<b>Full Season Users:</b> OVSS, MTK, CPGHA, OVT, APMHA, Raiders, Almonte Mens, Pond Hockey, OVC, Community Living, Silver Blades, Almonte Oldtimers	12	\$279,350
<b>Single Bookings -</b> Hockey Practices, Birthday Parties, Family Skates, etc.	20	\$6,471
<b>Figure Skating -</b> Almonte Carleton Place Skating Club	1	\$12,786
<b>Broomball -</b> G. Brown, J. Kealey, A. Reid	3	\$5,801
<b>Public Skating Sponsorship</b>	14	\$2,863
<b>JLCC Arena -</b> <b>Total Ice Revenue</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>\$307,271</b>

<b>Stewart Community Centre (SCC) - Ice Arena</b>		
<b>Client Type</b>	<b># of Contracts</b>	<b>Ice Revenue</b>
<b>Full Season Users:</b> OVSS, MTK, CPGHA, OVT, APMHA, J. Barr, B. Barr, D. Dickson, G. Briscoe, Pakenham Friday Night, Pakenham Midtimers, Pakenhockey, West Carelton Ladies Ringette, N. Stewart, OVC	15	\$206,386
<b>Single Bookings -</b> Hockey Practices, Birthday Parties, Family Skates, etc.	8	\$5,978
<b>Broomball</b> - J. Dodds, McMillan Ladies Broomball, G. Brown, J. Kealey, S. Wall	5	\$10,975
<b>Public Skating Sponsorship</b>	8	\$1,636
<b>SCC Arena - Total Ice Revenue</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>\$224,975</b>
<b>Total Ice Revenue (Both Rinks)</b>		<b>\$532,246</b>

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

1. Splash Pad in Gemmill Park to reopen for the summer months the long weekend in May 2026.
2. Ball Diamonds and Soccer pitches in Almonte and Pakenham are scheduled to reopen on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026. (Weather permitting).
3. After a fantastic first year, The Almonte summer camp program is set to commence the week of July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and run out of the John Levi Community Centre. The camp will run for 6 weeks in total. (One additional week of programming from 2025) The program will accept 30 campers per week from the ages of 9-12, with registration opening on Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Mississippi Mills Community Open house. The Recreation department is excited to offer this program again this summer.
4. The Pakenham daycare centre will operate their summer camp out of the Stewart Community Centre in 2026. The Upper Canada District school board is completing roof improvements this summer at the Pakenham Public School

which prevents the daycare from operating out of the school. The Recreation Manager has held meetings with the daycare to ensure all necessary arrangements are finalized and completed.

Respectfully submitted by,

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