

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Terry Gilmer, Recreation Services

Date: August 22, 2023

Subject: Recreation Services Month End Report - July

Pool:

- Staff documented 676 pool and 33 aquafit visits for the month.
- The first set of summer swimming lessons began on Wednesday, July 5, with 14 participants enrolled in three classes.
- The Canadian Swim Patrol Course: Rookie Patrol for ages 8-12 began on Wednesday, July 5 with five participants enrolled.

Arena:

- Staff documented 3 arena floor visits for the month.
- Staff have met with user groups to discuss the upcoming 2023/2024 ice schedule options.
- Mackenzie Conifex Power Lumberjacks Senior Lacrosse team advanced to the Prince George Senior Lacrosse semi-finals, with their last home game held on Thursday, July 6.

Fitness Area:

- Staff documented 942 fitness centre visits for the month.
- Cardio room was closed to accommodate drywall repairs and subsequent painting for a weekend.

Sport Courts/Climbing Wall:

- Staff documented 23 multi-court, 9 pickleball and 21 climbing wall visits for the month.

Ski Hill:

- Staff met with Axis engineering to inspect the structural integrity of the Ski Hill towers to determine if the anchor points are engineered properly - this was in relation to our working at heights program that staff are working on improving.

Programs:

- Back Water Paddling from Prince George came to Mackenzie on Thursday, July 20, to hold stand up paddleboard and kayak clinics at Morfee Lake 1st beach. They had the

participants from that week's Kids Summer Camps participate and then had an additional 13 participants registered for youth paddleboard, adult paddleboard, and adult kayaking.

- We hosted our first Mario Kart Tournament on Friday, July 21, with a total of 30 participants registered with ages ranging from 4 years old – 43 years old.
- The first set of the Kids Climbing Club began on Monday, July 3, with five participants enrolled.
- The second offering of Kids Climbing Club started on Monday, July 31 with five participants registered.
- The first week of Kids Summer Camps started on Tuesday, July 4, with a full 16 participants registered for the week.
- The second week of Kids Summer Camps started on Tuesday, July 11, with 15 participants registered for the week.
- The third week of Kids Summer Camps started on Tuesday, July 18, with 12 participants registered for the week.
- The fourth week of Kids Summer Camps started on Tuesday, July 25, with 10 participants registered for the week.

Events:

- Rockin' the Ridgeline was held on Saturday, July 29; with the unveiling of the mural, opening of the community bike park, live music, and beer gardens. It was a success with an estimated 300+ attendees throughout the day.
- Staff met with local RCMP members to review Rockin' the Ridgeline's Special Event Permit and schedule of events.
- Staff met with acting Mayor, Raye McMeeken, to review our Rockin' the Ridgeline event and all requirements.
- Our first summer movie was held on Friday, July 7 at 9:00pm in the Spirit Square. The first movie was Minions: The Rise of Gru. Popcorn was also provided to attendees.
- Our second summer movie in the park played Friday, July 21, at 9:30pm and the showing was of The Super Mario Bros movie.

Staff:

- Seven Building Operator and Building Grounds and Maintenance staff received their face mask fit testing for their annual replacement from the Mackenzie Fire Department.

Other:

- BC Wildfire Service with the Ministry of Forests extended their facility rental of the Callahan room until Tuesday, July 18.
- Staff met with MLIB and BC Hydro regarding a Site C exhibit they wanted to display for the month of August in the Sas Room.

- Staff had a preliminary kickoff meeting with VDZ+A regarding the Active Transportation Plan in the Sas Room. Then Mayor Atkinson toured Mason from VDZ+A around the town on their bicycles.
- Staff met with Polar Engineering regarding the Arena Slab project RFP submission and discussed next steps.
- Staff met with VDZ+A and Axis Engineering to review the bike features in the park and created a deficiency list for correction.
- On July 13 we announced that the paved pump track and dirt flow/jump areas were ready to ride at the new downtown park.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services

Reviewed By: Corporate Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer