

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Terry Gilmer, Recreation Services

Date: October 19, 2023

Subject: Recreation Services Month End Report – September

Pool:

- Staff documented 677 pool and 49 aquafit visits for the month.
- The pool reopened to the public after our annual maintenance shutdown on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30am.
- The September swimming lessons began on Wednesday, September 13 with 16 participants enrolled in over 3 classes. The October swimming lessons will begin on October 18 and currently have 31 participants enrolled in over 6 classes.

Arena:

- Staff documented 36 public skating and 5 curling visits for the month.
- YETI Refrigeration was on site on Thursday, September 7 to restart the ice plant in preparation to start ice installation over the next two weeks.
- Ice rentals started on Monday, September 25.

Fitness Area:

- Staff documented 1,146 fitness centre visits for the month.

Sport Courts/Climbing Wall:

- Staff documented 86 multi-court, 22 pickleball and 45 climbing wall visits for the month.

Ski Hill:

- Staff continue to work on a solution for the Ski Hill working at heights issue. After further discussion with TechSafe, we might be ok without performing tower fabrication now and just using a temporary sling system.
- Lights at the Ski Hill and outdoor rink have been repaired and are now ready for the winter season.

Programs:

- Shawn from Squash BC was in Mackenzie to provide FREE squash lessons on Thursday, September 28 in the Recreation Centre Multi-Court. This included how to play sessions for youth, school sessions, seniors 60+, and adults and offered a course to be able to instruct others how to play squash.
- Nerf Wars and Multi-Sport programming (for ages 3-5 and 6-12) registration was launched on Thursday, September 7. These programs began on September 11 and will run until December 12.
 - Tuesday's ages 3-5 Multi-Sport program had 5 participants registered.
 - Friday's ages 6-12 Multi-Sport program had 4 participants registered.
 - Youth after school nerf wars for ages 5+ had 32 participants registered.
- The adult volleyball league began on Thursday, September 14 and currently has 36 participants registered in six teams.
- The adult wallyball league began on Tuesday, September 12 and currently has 12 participants registered on four teams.
- Our Walls and Waves Pro-D Day for Monday, September 18 went out for registration on Wednesday, September 13. 12 participants registered for the climbing and swimming program.
- Staff met with a community member to discuss the start-up of a gymnastics program being held at the Recreation Centre.
- We hosted three school classes from MSS and Morfee Elementary participating in the pool, fitness centre, and squash.

Events:

- Recreation Fair took place on Saturday, September 9 from 10:00am-2:00pm, with a free community BBQ sponsored by McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest. The event was a great success and well attended by the community.
- Recreation Services hosted the Seniors Connection Fair on Thursday, September 28 from 4:00pm-7:00pm. Seniors Week free activities was well attended and included aquafit, ice curling, floor curling, and a movie in the Rose Boyko Room (Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark).

Staff:

- A lifeguard will be attending the Lifesaving Instructor Recertification Course in Fort St. John on Friday, October 6 to renew her ticket for instructing the Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross Lifesaving courses.

Other:

- Recreation Services was closed on Monday, September 4 for the Labour Day statutory holiday.
- A community power failure occurred on Wednesday, September 6 at approximately 7:00pm which shut down the Recreation Centre early.
- A grant writing workshop took place in the Callahan room on Saturday, September 23.
- Recreation Services was closed on Saturday, September 30 for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and re-opened for regular hours on Sunday, October 1.
- We added a commercial air hockey table to our multi-court area as a trial period to see if it's a fit within our community centre. All equipment will be left with it for the time being as a first come, first serve use basis.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services

Reviewed By: Corporate Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer