

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Terry Gilmer, Recreation Services

Date: November 6, 2023

Subject: Recreation Services Month End Report – October

Pool:

- Staff documented 751 pool and 40 aquafit visits for the month.
- The pool was open for a special swim on Monday, October 2 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, since the schools were not in session to observe the statutory holiday. This special swim was well attended with over 48 users attending.
- The October set of swimming lessons began on Wednesday, October 18. There were 43 participants over six lessons, including a full Parent & Tot swimming class.
- November swimming lessons were launched with 6 new sets of lessons and all of them have been filled with a total of 30 participants.

Arena:

- Staff documented 453 public skating and 20 curling visits for the month.
- A repair was made to the main shutoff valve in the compressor room.
- Gentleman's hockey had a tournament on Saturday, with 4 teams participating.

Fitness Area:

- Staff documented 1,230 fitness centre visits for the month.
- Our Youth Weight Room orientation was held on Friday, October 13 from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm by Anna Kandola at Azu Health. There were eight youth participants registered in the program.
- Our Senior Fitness Training programs started this month with a total of 11 participants in the Intro to the Gym program and 5 participants in the Intro to Exercise program.

Sport Courts/Climbing Wall:

- Staff documented 120 multi-court, 55 pickleball and 38 climbing wall visits for the month.

Ski Hill:

- 3 BGM's and 3 BO's took a specialized two-day training course from Pacific Ropes on working at heights and rescues. This course was specific to our towers and will be combined with the development of new procedures as they relate to working on our

towers. The goal remains to safely get staff working on ski hill maintenance activities, so we can open this season.

Programs:

- Staff documented 69 after-school visitors for Nerf battles for the month.
- Staff met with a certified gymnastics coach, on Monday, October 2. We are planning to partner with this program to start up gymnastics in November at Recreation Services. A portion of the gymnastic equipment that is being used for the upcoming programming was moved to the Recreation Centre on Wednesday, October 4.

Events:

- Staff met with Mackenzie Community Arts Council on Thursday, October 12 to discuss the partnership and go over budget details for Rockin' the Ridgeline 2024.
- Staff had a phone meeting with 2024 WinterQuest ice carvers on Wednesday, October 11 to finalize the theme and sculpture ideas.
- We ran a pumpkin carving program along with a movie from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm on Friday, October 20 for the Pro D Day with 12 families registering.
- Friday the 13th events on Friday, October 13 were held; we played the movie Casper from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm which had 56 users. We had a spooky public skate from 8:00 pm-9:00 pm which had 98 users and 27 skate rentals. And we played the movie Hocus Pocus from 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm which had 42 users.
- We hosted another Spooky Skate on Saturday, October 28 and had 67 users attend.
- Our first Halloween walk was held in the roundabout on October 31 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm – we had three community members attend to hand out candy, and over 80 children trick or treating.

Staff:

- One Lifeguard attended 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:

- We added a commercial air hockey table to our multi-court area on Thursday, October 5 as a trial period to see if it is 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.
- Recreation Services was closed on Monday, October 9 for the Thanksgiving statutory holiday, we re-opened for regular hours on Tuesday, October 10.
- Staff met with VDZ+A regarding the Active Transportation Plan and the next steps.
- Staff installed the outdoor rink, backboards, and netting – liner is onsite and will be installed when temperatures drop.
- The All-Terrain Vehicle, which was part of a capital project, was picked up by staff on Thursday, October 12.

- Recreation Services lit up their facility on Thursday, October 19 to recognize National Disability Employment Awareness Month.
- Staff met with teachers from Morfee Elementary School on Wednesday, October 18 to discuss their school year and how to utilize the Recreation Centre facilities for their children. We are beginning with swimming, and their classes will come once a week to participate in Swim to Survive until Christmas Break.
- Staff met with SD57 and PAC members about the joint user agreement funds, to begin discussions on how they should be applied.
- Staff attended a stakeholder meeting with CNC/New Horizons.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services

Reviewed By: Corporate Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer