

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Recreation Services Month End Report -

Date: February 20, 2024

Subject: Recreation Services Month End Report – January

Pool:

- Staff documented 975 pool and 106 aquafit visits for the month.
- Winter Session 1 swimming lessons began on Wednesday, January 24 and will run until February 16. We have 34 participants over six classes. Our Winter Session 2 swim lessons will begin on February 21.
- MacDunn was on site due to boiler 1 being down. This was resolved and helped with the system running efficiently for a while, but we are now experiencing issues again and might have to replace the board.
- The pool was open for extra hours on Monday, January 29 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm for the Non-Instructional Day – we had 60 users attend.
- Bronze Medallion course has been scheduled for March 21, 22 and 23, with registration opening on Wednesday, January 31.

Arena:

- Staff documented 75 public skating and 10 curling visits for the month.
- We hosted a PGSS hockey team to play versus MSS on Friday, January 12, with both MSS and Morfee Elementary in attendance to watch the game.
- Staff replaced the Brine Filter and Yeti was on site for mid-season compressor room checks.
- Lost RTU for dressing rooms 5/6. Staff worked with MacDunn Controls who walked us through a trouble shoot which resolved the issue.
- Condenser fan motor had a failure Sunday night, this required having Yeti come to replace the motor to get ice plant back up and operational.
- Due to broken glass in the frame of dressing room 5, we replaced all glass around doors with checker plate aluminum. This will give it a better look while eliminating the danger of having glass in the dressing rooms.
- We hosted the U15 Mjolnir Heavy Duty Knights Minor Hockey home tournament on January 20 & 21.
- We hosted the U18 Jepson/Steep Creek Knights Memorial Tournament beginning on Friday, January 26.

- Changed leaking valve on that Olympia so water wouldn't continue to run while parked.
- We hosted four Morfee Elementary School classes for skating this month.
- Our over ice arena bleacher heaters were turned off during the warm outside air temperatures – this combined with a lack of proper insulation and an undersized refrigeration plant (for this weather), make it hard to provide quality ice for the players.

Fitness Area:

- Staff documented 1,408 fitness centre visits for the month.

Sport Courts/Climbing Wall:

- Staff documented 164 multi-court, 48 pickleball and 21 climbing wall visits for the month.

Ski Hill:

- We had nine employees participate in the Little Mac Ski Hill training on Sunday, January 7.
- The Groomer was moved from PW to the Recreation Centre and the BGMs track packed Little Mac.
- Little Mac Ski Hill Passes were launched for sale on Tuesday, January 23.
- Little Mac Ski Hill opened for operation on Wednesday, January 24.

Programs:

- Staff documented 222 school student visits for the month.
- Gymnastics registration was launched on Monday, January 8, for children aged 2-6, with 20 children registered in the three classes offered. As the instructor has previously stated, we do not have the equipment or space to offer gymnastics for children 7 and up.
- The Volleyball, Wallyball, and Soccer adult leagues began this month and will run until the week of May 13.
- Martial Arts registration was launched on Wednesday, January 10 for ages 5+ and we had 18 participants registered.
- Our 'Walk to Italy' registration was launched on January 12. Participants can track and submit their steps to complete the required km's to get to Italy.

Events:

- Our WinterQuest Facebook event page was launched on January 4.
- Staff met with Raye McMeeken on Wednesday, January 10 to discuss accessible options for the WinterQuest event through the trails.
- Staff spoke with Northern Lights Winery to finalize the selling of wine at WinterQuest; and have received our Special Event Permit.
- Staff met with the WinterQuest ice carvers and finalized ice carving workshop details for Saturday, February 24.

- Fireworks were ordered on February 1, for WinterQuest, with the support of Mackenzie Fire Department.

Staff:

- We had a new PT Lifeguard I begin her position with the District of Mackenzie on Tuesday, January 2.
- Staff attended the New Horizons Stakeholder meeting on Wednesday, January 24.

Other:

- The Recreation Centre was opened for a warming centre on Wednesday, January 10 for those affected by the extreme cold temperatures.
- Actively working on our safety checks to create a better system for monthly checks around the facility.
- The John Dahl Trail was groomed on Tuesday, January 23.
- Little Mac Ski Hill and the ODR were closed on Saturday, January 27 due to the warm temperatures and rain.
- Staff noticed a leak at the front entrance of the building. BGMs removed wood slats to find the drainpipe was broken, suspected to have happened during the drastic weather changes and a temporary solution has been made.
- Staff created a plan to address a hood cleaning issue at Fry Daddy's that's caused the facility to smell like fast food recently. Our contractor didn't show up for the last scheduled cleaning, so staff have found a new contractor and are working on dates.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services

Reviewed By: Corporate Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer