

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Recreation Services Month End Report

Date: January 12, 2024

Subject: Recreation Services Month End Report – November

Pool:

- Staff documented 1,008 pool and 56 aquafit visits for the month.
- November swimming lessons began on Wednesday, November 22, these lessons will run until Friday, December 15. We have six full classes with a total of 30 participants registered.
- Conuma Coal has confirmed sponsoring a free community swim on Thursday, December 7 from 4:00 pm - 8:30 pm, which includes the movie of 'The Polar Express' at 6:00 pm.

Arena:

- Staff documented 108 public skating and 16 curling visits for the month.
- The first home minor hockey tournament will be hosted on December 2 & 3 for the U13 Lomak Knights team, with a total of six teams participating.
- Recreation Services partnered with the Old Timer's Hockey League to offer a Charity Hockey Game on Friday, November 24 from 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm. \$2,000 was raised for the local food banks, plus five full large totes of food were collected and then donated.

Fitness Area:

- Staff documented 1,305 fitness centre visits for the month.

Sport Courts/Climbing Wall:

- Staff documented 108 multi-court, 84 pickleball and 50 climbing wall visits for the month.

Ski Hill:

- Staff continue to develop the working at heights program for the Ski Hill tower and are confident it will open for the season once it snows.
- Staff met with Bill Laing on Friday, November 24, to discuss the upcoming Ski Hill season, regarding the terrain features and snowboard lessons.
- Staff added a permanent bench at Little Mac in the firepit area.

Programs:

- Staff documented 306 school student visits and 40 after school visitors for programming.
- We hosted two Morfee Elementary School classes in the swimming pool and four Morfee Elementary School classes for skating.
- Staff met with Brian Gervais on Wednesday, November 22, to discuss offering Martial Arts starting in January 2024. Unfortunately, due to schedule demands, Noah Goerz is unable to return to teach Martial Arts.
- Our next Youth Weight Room orientation has been scheduled with Anna Kandola from Azu Health on December 15.

Events:

- Staff met with members of the Mackenzie Community Arts Council on Wednesday, November 29 to finalize details on the Festival of Bells Craft Fair, which will be hosted in the Community Hall on Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 2.
- Staff met with McLeod Lake Indian Band representatives on Tuesday, November 21 to discuss WinterQuest 2024 and how we can work together on the event.
- Staff met with the Martin Dugan, Principal from MSS, to discuss partnering for upcoming events.

Staff:

- Garth Wallaker officially retired as of November 12.
- Jesse McDonald, Recreation Maintenance Superintendent, began his position on Monday, November 27.
- Kelly Peterson accepted the Lead Hand Building Grounds and Maintenance position, he started his position on Monday, November 27.
- Staff met with the accessibility committee to tour the Recreation Centre.
- Interviews for the Recreation Attendant and Recreation Activity Leader positions occurred in preparation for the ski hill season.
- Two Utility Terrain Vehicle Training opportunities occurred with twelve Recreation Services employees participating.
- Three Building Operators received their fall protection, mobile elevated work platform, and skid steer training on November 7 and 8.
- Building Operators received their ice plant annual review training on Monday, November 6.

Other:

- Staff hosted a public presentation for the Active Transportation Plan on Wednesday, November 29 at 6:00 pm. VDZ+A lead the meeting through Zoom with roughly 35 people in attendance.
- Staff met with the cross-country ski club to determine how operations would work this season in relation to the groomer.

- Staff are still waiting on cold weather and snow to progress on the outdoor rink and ski hill.
- Recreation Services was closed on Saturday, November 11 for Remembrance Day.
- Staff spread wood chips at Mac 1 playground after PW completed the structure and border work, so it is ready to open again - new swing will be installed this spring.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services

Reviewed By: Corporate Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer