

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Terry Gilmer, Recreation Services

Date: March 19, 2024

Subject: Month End Report - February

Pool:

- Staff documented 1,590 pool and 90 aquafit visits for the month.
- Pool Boiler #1 has been running off and on for a while now. A contractor was onsite and couldn't find the issue, so staff will monitor the operation of it to see if it starts to act up again.
- Staff replaced failed pump for the slide in the pool.
- Our Winter Session 2 of Swimming Lessons was launched for registration online only on Wednesday, February 7 at 8:30pm. We offered six classes and had 28 participants registered.
- Staff measured pool deck and change rooms for square footage to start looking at quotes for replacement or repair options.
- Staff installed new exhaust fan for acid making room in the pool mechanical room.

Arena:

- Staff documented 120 public skating and 7 curling visits for the month.
- The over ice arena bleacher heaters were turned off during the warm outside air temperatures. The warm temperatures combined with a lack of proper insulation and an undersized refrigeration plant, make it hard to provide quality ice for the players.
- Staff created a procedure for replacing broken glass in arena.
- Hosted ten Morfee Elementary School classes for skating, swimming, and the climbing wall.
- Hosted the U18 NERHL playoffs on Friday, February 9 until Sunday, February 11, with Mackenzie taking first place.
- Hosted the Curl Mackenzie annual curling bonspiel on Saturday, February 3.
- Hosted Mackenzie Men's Hockey Tournament, starting on Friday, February 23 until Sunday, February 25, with eight teams attending. There was a beer garden set up in the Arena Meeting Room for this event.
- Hosted the U9 and U7 Mackenzie Minor Hockey Tournament on Friday, February 17 until Sunday, February 18.

- Staff removed and pinned up the arena netting as per Figure Skating request for the ice show.
- Staff prepared arena and gathered required items for MFSC Ice Show.

Fitness Area:

- Staff documented 1,408 fitness centre visits for the month.
- Youth Weight Room Orientation has been scheduled with Azu Health on Friday, March 15, registration launched on Thursday, February 8.
- Staff fixed the cardio room TVs, so patrons can watch them while working out.

Sport Courts/Climbing Wall:

- Staff documented 128 multi-court, 46 pickleball and 13 climbing wall visits for the month.

Ski Hill:

- Staff took the groomer back to PW yard due to the lack of snow, in order to save trucking cost to get it back to the yard.

Programs:

- Staff documented 304 school student visits for the month.
- Two Youth Climbing Clubs were launched for registration on Tuesday, February 6.
- Nerf Battles returned for youth on Tuesday, February 6.
- Kids Multi-Sports Program for ages 3-5 was launched for registration on Saturday, February 3.
- The Pickleball League started on Thursday, February 29 with 10 people registered.

Events:

- Fireworks were ordered on February 1, for WinterQuest, with the support of Mackenzie Fire Department.
- The 2024 WinterQuest theme was launched for advertising on Monday, February 5: The Wizarding World of Harry Potter.
- WinterQuest began on Friday, February 23, with opening ceremonies at 6:00 pm in the Recreation roundabout. Events and activities were held throughout the weekend to celebrate. There were eight ice sculptures, and one multi-ice sculpture for the event. The lit-up trails with the ice sculptures were moved to outside the community hall windows and the new community bike park trail due to the warm temperatures and lack of snow on the John Dahl Trail. In addition, on Saturday, February 24 the MSS Grad class sold chili and Northern Lights Winery sold wine. The Fire Department also provided fireworks for the event.

Staff:

- Interviews occurred for the Temporary Permanent Part Time Customer Service Representative positions.

Other:

- A contractor was onsite for the semi-annual cleaning of the kitchen exhaust hood.
- Staff found and replaced a broken belt on Fry Daddy's exhaust, which should keep smell and smoke down in the building.
- Staff lubricated all doors in the building as well as the basketball hoop.
- Outdoor Rink re-opened Thursday, February 8 after some required maintenance due to uncommon seasonal high temperatures.
- Staff corrected deficiencies found during last month's safety checks, this brought all emergency lights to a working standard.
- A gate was installed to stop traffic from accessing the lane beside building (Community Hall), this will increase public safety when entering the building from parking lot.
- Staff met and reviewed the most recent draft of the Active Transportation Plan, so we can provide more feedback to VDZ+A before taking to Council for more feedback.
- Recreation Services was open for Family Day on Monday, February 19 from 1:00pm-5:00pm, we had over 120 participants utilize the facility.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services

Reviewed By: Corporate Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer