

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Terry Gilmer, Recreation Services

Date: May 22, 2024

Subject: Recreation Services Month End Report – April

Pool:

- Staff documented 861 pool and 136 aquafit visits for the month.
- The first course to become a lifeguard, the Lifesaving Society's Bronze Medallion Course, was taught on April 6, 13 and 20, we had all five candidates passing the course.
- The second course to become a lifeguard, the Lifesaving Society's Bronze Cross Course will run on April 27, May 5 and 11, with seven candidates registered.
- The Spring Session 2 swimming lessons were launched for online registration on Thursday, April 18 at 8:30pm. We have 22 participants registered over the six lessons, which will run on Wednesdays and Fridays from May 1 – 24.
- We hosted three elementary school classes for swimming this month.

Fitness Area:

- Staff documented 1,197 fitness centre visits for the month.

Sport Courts/Climbing Wall:

- Staff documented 83 multi-court, 49 pickleball and 24 climbing wall visits for the month.

Ski Hill:

- Staff finished off the woodshed at Little Mac and are waiting on nicer weather to stain it. The original plastic shed was destroyed in a windstorm.
- PW is installing an outdoor water fountain for us at Little Mac, and we are also planning on adding a rain barrel with a bucket inside so there's plenty of water access for the firepit.
- Staff removed pommels from ski lift and de-tensioned them.
- Staff moved wood out of chalet to make room for pommels and potential of CityWest using the space.

Programs:

- Staff documented 98 after school program visits and **364** school student visits for the month.
- Our Seniors introduction to the fitness centre program, in partnership with Azu Health, ran on Wednesday, April 17, with three participants registered.
- Our two offerings of kids ages 3-5 multi-sport program began on Tuesday, April 9 - both programs are full with a total of 16 participants.
- Our youth ages 7-12 soccer program was so successful with registrations, we created a second offering of the program - both programs are full with a total of 22 participants.
- Our youth ages 7-12 volleyball skills program began on Thursday, April 11 - this program was a full class with 12 participants.

Playgrounds/Trails/Parks:

- Staff started doing inspections of the John Dahl trails and closed a new rogue trail with monster jumps after it was discovered.
- Staff met with Mark Dahl from Peace Navigation; he is interested in donating boom sticks for the perimeter of the bike park in order to prevent vehicles from driving into the park.
- Staff completed playground inspections and repaired playground beside skateboard park, which was missing bolts.
- Staff set up and did some test holes with post auger, prepping for installation of signage for the Little Mac trails.

Events:

- Staff met with representatives from McLeod Lake Mackenzie Community Forest on Wednesday, April 10 to discuss their upcoming BCCFA conference in our facility in June.
- We offered a Mario Kart Tournament for youth on Friday, April 26 for the School District 57's Non-Instructional Day, with eight participants enrolled.
- Staff met with School District 57 members on Wednesday, April 24 to discuss hosting the upcoming Track and Field meet for both MSS and Morfee Elementary students in June.
- Staff was successful in receiving a \$2,000 grant for our WinterQuest 2025 event from the Province of British Columbia's Festivals and Events Grants.
- We received our first sponsorship for Rockin' the Ridgeline in the amount of \$1,000.00 from CityWest.
- Staff have confirmed a headline act for the Rockin' the Ridgeline event on Saturday, July 27, which we can't officially announce until May 24. Musician Rowan Siebert, musician Katrina Holden, Deadfall Brewing, Afro Caribbean food truck and the Lil' Donut Shack have also confirmed they will be at this year's event.

Arena Slab/Energy Project:

- Staff mounted and set up a time lapse camera, so we can keep the public updated on the progress.
- The arena slab project kicked in April. Fraser Valley was onsite and removed all the brine from the system. It is being stored in large totes behind the Recreation Centre where staff entrance is.
- Contractors showed up in April to start arena floor demolition.

Other:

- Warren Grant's last day of work was Friday, April 26.
- Staff attended the Northern BC Recreation Association Conference in Dawson Creek, BC on Friday, April 26.
- Two staff attended the Community Evacuations course in McLeod Lake on Tuesday, April 30.
- Staff completed monthly building safety checks and ammonia tests.
- Staff removed ODR and wood around it.
- Staff replaced acid lines in the pool mechanical room.
- Staff found and fixed a glycol leak in the Seresco unit, then added additional glycol to the system.
- Staff waxed and sealed the front lobby.
- Staff repaired the temporary downspout at the front of the building and boxed it in to match the existing wood finish.
- Recreation Services submitted an NDIT grant for two facility upgrade projects, aquatic/accessible bathroom renovations and arena slab, on Tuesday, April 30.
- Staff had electrical contractor install a new outside light at the condenser area and replace burnt out light near spirit square.
- Staff met with Mackenzie Community Art Council representatives on Thursday, April 4 to discuss a summer music in the park partnerships.
- Staff met with representatives from the Museum on Wednesday, April 10 to discuss opportunities for viewing museum items throughout the Recreation Centre.
- PW and Recreation staff met to discuss coordination of the following projects happening this summer:
 - Gazebo addition at Little Mac over fire pit area.
 - Addition of swing set, border, and engineered wood fibre at Mac 1 playground (Little Shippy).
 - Addition of zipline at Bike Park.
 - Completion of pathways, earthwork and sodding/seeding at Bike Park.
 - Resurface Babine court and add basketball nets/lines that have been donated by the 92.
 - Earth work and sweeping at Recreation Centre, including side hill that is visible from Community Hall.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services

Reviewed By: Corporate Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer