

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Terry Gilmer, Recreation Services

Date: April 12, 2024

Subject: Recreation Services Month End Report – March

Pool:

- Staff documented 1,000 pool and 56 aquafit visits for the month.
- Planning for pool shut down in October and minor bathroom renovations.
- Replaced shower head in family change room. Will test this out as possible option for all pool showers going forward.
- Repaired leak for hot tub jets.
- Session 1 of Spring Swimming Lessons was launched on March 21 with a total of 24 participants registered.
- Our Swim and Sports kids program for ages 7-12 ran on Tuesday, March 26, Wednesday, March 27, and Thursday, March 28; with 33 participants enrolled over the three days.
- The WIBIT was in the pool on Wednesday, March 27 and Thursday, March 28 from 9:00am-8:30pm.
- Staff met with a Rainbow Swim Club representative on Wednesday, March 27 to discuss their upcoming season and schedule options to begin on May 1.
- A special Easter Sunday swim was held on Sunday, March 31 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

Arena:

- Staff documented 83 public skating and 10 curling visits for the month.
- Mackenzie Figure Skating Club had their ice show on Saturday, March 2 and Sunday, March 3.

Fitness Area:

- Staff documented 1,334 fitness centre visits for the month.

Sport Courts/Climbing Wall:

- Staff documented 80 multi-court, 68 pickleball and 10 climbing wall visits for the month.
- Removed squash court bathroom fixtures to be reused in lobby bathrooms.
- Pickleball and tennis court nets were installed at MAC 1 courts on Thursday, March 28.

Ski Hill:

- Ski hill opened for one night in March, but we weren't able to groom it due to lack of snow.
- Pro-rated account credits were provided to 2023/2024 Little Mac Ski Hill season pass holders on Wednesday, March 27 to use by the next 12 months. This was due to weather impacting our operations, and not being able to be open for 10 days.
- Patched holes and painted maintenance room at Ski Chalet.

Programs:

- Staff documented 21 after school program visits and 175 school student visits for the month.
- Staff met with Martial Art's instructor to plan the next set of Martial Arts Lessons for the Spring.
- Recreation Services started Spring Break Climbing Programs with a total of 8 participants.
- Kids ages 3-5 multi-sports program registration was launched on Tuesday, March 26; we currently have 10 participants registered over the two classes.
- We had 3 school classes using the facility this month.

Playgrounds:

- BGMs re-installed bike feature at pump track.
- Prepped inspection packages for parks.

Events:

- Staff met with MORATA to discuss plans for Rockin' the Ridgeline 2024.

Staff:

- 2 Building Grounds Maintenance and 6 Building Operators went for hearing tests at Azu Health.
- Staff held a BBQ at the Recreation Centre for Warren Grants 35th Anniversary on Thursday, March 14 – he was very appreciative of this.
- Staff presented Sports Tourism presentation to Tourism and Hospitality students at CNC on Thursday, March 14.
- Building Operators have been working on Safe Operating Procedure training sign offs this month with Lead Hand.
- Staff attended the Emergency Management Information Officer Course in Prince George.

Arena Slab/Energy Project:

- Arena slab construction RFP closed. We had three submissions and Council awarded the contract to Northern Legendary Construction.
- Staff met with Northern Legendary Construction about slab project Friday, March 15 – with work scheduled to begin April 1, 2024.
 - All user groups have been notified and storage lockers won't be available during the construction period.
 - Press release went out.

Other:

- Monthly facility safety checks completed.
- Our Spring Facility Schedule was launched on Thursday, March 28, and will run from April 2 – June 30.
- Outdoor rink and ski hill operations closed for the season.
- Took side by side to PW for track removal.
- Old Olympia to PW for summer storage.
- Finished up painting in the old Mountaineers area.
- New electrician on site, changed shop lighting as well as some minor repairs.
- Addressed door issue in the EBCC.
- BGMs installed bike racks at REC and EBCC.
- Recreation Services was closed on Good Friday, March 29 and Easter Monday, April 1.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services

Reviewed By: Corporate Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer