

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Recreation Services

Date: January 21, 2025

Subject: Recreation Services Month End Report – November, 2024

Pool:

- Staff documented 902 pool and 69 aquafit visits for the month.
- Staff got pools online and balanced for the re-opening after the floor replacement project.
- Staff cleaned and reorganized pool deck items for the re-opening.
- Staff installed starting blocks for the re-opening.
- MacDunn was on site due to Servesco pool dehumidification system not operating properly. It was found to have a failed exhaust motor. They will replace the parts once they arrive.
- Staff mounted heaters in the changerooms, so when it gets colder and our HVAC unit can't keep up, they are still at a reasonable temperature for our users.
- The last set of Fall Swimming Lessons started on November 20 with a total of 20 participants.
- Staff ran the weekly Swim to Survive session with a class from Morfee Elementary School.

Arena:

- Staff documented 46 skating and 7 curling visits for the month.
- Staff took four totes of our old brine to GFL in Prince George for proper disposal.
- Staff repaired sink drain in dressing room 5.
- Staff pumped out Olympia pit, so PW could do repairs on broken drain lines outside near Fry Daddies.
- Staff picked up Olympia from PW, cleaned, and greased for on ice use.
- Arena project contractors all left site, so we are working on a final deficiencies list:
 - The heat pump is operating, and we are noticing some positive changes already i.e. all heat from refrigeration plant is being reused inside the facility.
 - Solar panel got the green light from BC Hydro, so just waiting on training now but it is online.
 - Ice programming started, however, brine line issue will have to be addressed in the spring unless there's a major hiccup during the season. Currently we aren't using heaters as it slows down the already slow freezing process in the areas without refrigeration/brine lines.

- Here is a link to the Arena Slab Upgrade Project – Construction timelapse video: [Arena Slab Upgrade Project - Construction Time-Lapse](#)

Fitness Area:

- Staff documented 1194 fitness centre visits for the month.

Sport Courts/Climbing Wall:

- Staff documented 88 multi-court, 56 pickleball and 57 climbing wall visits for the month.

Ski Hill:

- Staff completed cable cleaning on the ski lift preparing for inspection.
- Staff completed de-tensioning and installation of pommels.
- Staff grabbed groomer from PW and addressed downed trees on the JD trail.

Programs:

- Staff documented 307 SD57 student visits for the month.
- Recreation Attendants completed their High Five Principles of Healthy Child Development course on Tuesday, November 19.
- Recreation Attendants completed Skate Patrol training on Tuesday, November 19.
- Rec Attendants completed in house climbing wall training on Friday, November 29.

Events:

- Staff met about WinterQuest to decide on main events for this year's edition.
- We launched an online survey to the public on November 20, asking for their help selecting this year's WinterQuest theme.
- We held our grand re-opening of the pool and arena on Friday, November 29 and it ran until Sunday, December 1. Conuma Resources sponsored this event which offered free skating and swimming to the community.

Other:

- We added the live caribou channel to one of the TV's in the community living area, which was a huge hit – especially with the kids.
- Staff installed a liner for the Outdoor Rink and started filling with water. Fire Department also assisted with the filling, delivering water to accelerate the process.
- Building Operators and Customer Service Representatives did Emergency Procedures Annual Review Training on Tuesday, November 19.
- Unfortunately, a windstorm set us back on providing some of our favorite winter recreational services:
 - John Dahl Trail: It knocked down a large number of trees, which staff have now cleaned up enough to groom a loop on the John Dahl Trail.
 - Outdoor Rink: It knocked down the boards, which then froze into the ice. They have been removed and we repaired the ice.
 - Ski Hill: It swept most of the snow off Little Mac, setting the opening back.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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