

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Terry Gilmer, Recreation Services

Date: February 21, 2023

Subject: Recreation Services Month End Report – January

Pool:

- Staff documented 662 pool and 75 aquafit visits for the month.
- There is an ongoing issue with the hot tub chlorinating system. The Pulsar 1 chlorinating systems which are used for the hot tub and teach pool are discontinued, and parts to repair are getting hard to source. After further research, the Pulsar 3 chlorinating system for the 25M pool is also discontinued. Staff have ordered a new system to address this issue.

Arena:

- Staff documented 58 public skating and 19 curling visits for the month.
- Staff met with Derek Prue to discuss GMHL invoices, ice scheduling and the remainder of the season –the team is a go and Derek will be the coach for the remainder of the season.
- Mackenzie U15 Steep Creek Knights Hockey Tournament was held, January 21st and 22nd.
- Mackenzie Mountaineer home games are scheduled for January 20th and 21st.
- U18 Jepson Petroleum Knights Hockey Home Tournament was held on January 27, 28 & 29.
- Curl Mackenzie's Curling Bonspiel occurs on February 4th.

Fitness Area:

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

Sport Courts/Climbing Wall:

- Staff documented 132 multi-court, 10 pickleball and 31 climbing wall visits for the month.

Ski Hill:

- Staff documented 291 ski hill visits for the month.
- Ski lessons started January 7th - there were 7 participants registered with three different lessons: First Timers, Beginner, and Intermediate.
- Snowboard Lessons started January 11th with two classes and a total of 4 participants.

- The next sessions for ski lessons were launched on February 2nd.
- Little Mac Ski Hill terrain features were installed on February 1st and opened after staff training on February 5th when safe to do so.

Programs:

- Staff documented 130 school visits for the month through the joint-use-agreement.
- Mixed Martial Arts classes started on January 9th. There are 7 classes with a total of 72 participants.
- The next sessions of Martial Arts programming were launched for registration, currently there are 24 registered participants.
- Two Morfee Elementary School classes participated in skating on January 20th.
- Wallyball league began on January 17th with three teams registered.
- 'Walk to Mexico' program in partnership with New Horizons CNC began this month with 44 participants registered. Multiple other organization's staff have registered to participate, including the Mackenzie Public Library, College of New Caledonia and Northern Health and have document their steps.

Events:

- Staff met with MLIB and Library about working together on WinterQuest again.
- WinterQuest 2023 event planning being finalized for February 24, 25 and 26.
- Recreation Services staff met with the Chamber of Commerce to review set up details for their Mackenzie Strong event planned for February 25th.

Staff:

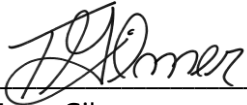
- Staff attended a Learn to Belay Course in PG on January 9th - the goal is to have more staff qualified to teach.
- Building Operator and Building Grounds Maintenance safety crew talk was held on January 18th.
- Swim Instructor Course, run by our staff, Lifeguard II, began on January 20th and will run for 6 sessions. There are four participants registered in this course, which will certify them to instruct swimming lessons.
- Staff will complete the last portion of the Swim Instructor Course on February 3, 4, and 5 for all five participants to be certified to teach swimming lessons. This will also complete one staff members co-teaching to become a certified swim instructor course teacher.

Other:

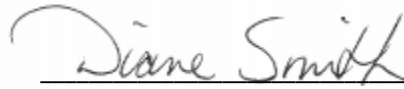
- The Green and Inclusive Community Building program announced the District would receive \$2,395,753 in grant funding going towards energy-efficient upgrades and improvements towards the Mackenzie Recreation Centre, including:
 - Arena Slab & Underfloor – Replacement
 - Arena Dasher Boards, Glass Shielding System & Arena Building Insulation – Replacement

- HVAC Unit, Water Heaters & DDC Integration – Replacement/Upgrades
- Solar Panels & Heat Recovery System - New/Upgrades

Respectfully Submitted,



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Approved for Submission to Council