

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Terry Gilmer, Recreation Services

**Date:** March 21, 2023

**Subject:** Recreation Services Month End Report – February

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### **Pool:**

- Staff documented 988 pool and 50 aquafit visits for the month.
- The February set of swimming lessons began on February 22<sup>nd</sup> with 26 participants enrolled in six swimming lesson classes.

### **Arena:**

- Staff documented 67 public skating and 28 curling visits for the month.
- Curl Mackenzie's Curling Bonspiel was held on February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Old Timers Men's Hockey Tournament was held February 10-12. We had an issue with the Olympia door Friday night, but staff were able to address it quickly and only missed one flood as a result.
- Mackenzie Minor Hockey U13 Tournament was hosted in Mackenzie on February 18-19.

### **Fitness Area:**

- Staff documented 1,490 fitness centre visits for the month.
- The next offering of the Youth Weight Room Training with Azu Health has been scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup>, right before students have their Spring Break.
- A Fitness Centre public survey was launched on February 16<sup>th</sup> via Let's Chat Mackenzie. This survey will run until March 31<sup>st</sup>, to receive public feedback on updates to the Fitness Centre.

### **Sport Courts/Climbing Wall:**

- Staff documented 121 multi-court, 15 pickleball and 32 climbing wall visits for the month.
- Staff met with OverHang from Prince George on February 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss operations and training opportunities for the Climbing Wall.

### **Ski Hill:**

- Staff documented 195 ski hill visits for the month.
- Staff applied for a CNC Legacy grant for Little Mac.

**Programs:**

- Staff documented 23 school visits for the month through the joint-use-agreement.

**Events:**

- Our Family Day Event was held on February 20<sup>th</sup> offering free use of the facilities, including Little Mac Ski Hill. We had 52 skiers, 96 swimming users, 18 fitness users, 12 pickleball users and 10 multi-sport court users.
- Staff met with MLIB on February 16<sup>th</sup> to review their upcoming Career Fair set up for March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Ice Carving Workshop on February 25<sup>th</sup> was launched for registration on February 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Event page for WinterQuest 2023 was launched on February 7<sup>th</sup>.
- WinterQuest 2023 event brochures were posted on social media sites on February 15<sup>th</sup>. These brochures went out through Canada Post on February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- WinterQuest 2023 event opening ceremonies including the MLIB tea and Bannock were postponed until February 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in coordination with Mackenzie Strong Ceremonies due to the extreme cold.
- With the windchill, it was around -35 degrees Celsius for three days of our setup. The staff and ice carvers came through in some tough working conditions. They are such a huge part of creating these opportunities for people to connect.
- WinterQuest 2023 was a celebration of community spirit and turned out to be the type of fairy tale winter wonderland our team had envisioned. New activities such as wine tasting (Northern Lights Estate Winery), fireworks (Chamber) and story tellers helped compliment returning elements to make the experience even more magical – there was even a small increase in traffic from out-of-town visitors this year.
  - One of the highlights for staff, was overhearing a child tell his mom that the fairy tale story was the best story he had ever heard. Freshly written, it helped connect the snow and ice sculptures placed along the lighted trail to the event, and the actors brought everything to life.

**Staff:**

- Staff received training on the Let's Chat Mackenzie survey access, to begin running community surveys for Recreation.

**Other:**

- Audio video installation continued in the Community Hall this month.
- Staff met with roofing project manager about three leaks in the new section of roofing.
- Recreation Services was opened as a warming centre on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and will continue February 25<sup>th</sup>.



Respectfully Submitted,

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Terry Gilmer  
Director of Recreation Services

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Approved for Submission to Council