

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Recreation Services

Date: May 20, 2025

Subject: Recreation Services Month End Report - April 2025

Usage:

- Fitness: 1469
- Pool: 900
- Aquafit: 67
- Multi-Court: 84
- Climbing Wall: 27
- Pickleball: 9
- SD 57 Students: 191

Facility:

- Staff working on rectifying new orders from TechSafe regarding boilers, which includes setting up annual inspections and logbooks.
- The front lobby bathroom renovation began. The walls were prepped and painted, and the tile was put down in men's - women's washroom is next.
- Staff organized the installation of accessible door operators for both front lobby bathrooms, aiming to have them fully functioning in May.
- Mackenzie Community Services has notified us that they received a grant for \$20k to assist us with addressing some of our accessibility upgrades at the Rec Centre – we are targeting the bleacher railing upgrades project.
- Staff swept the Spirit Square and began spring cleaning of facility grounds.
- Staff added a bike rack in the round about.
- Staff finished taking down the ODR.
- Recreation Centre was open at 7a on Monday, April 29 to accommodate Elections Canada - voting was from 7a to 7p that day.
- Staff stripped and re-sealed the arena meeting room floor.
- Staff adjusted the lights on the tree in the front roundabout

Pool:

- Spring session swimming lessons were released for registration on April 30, 2025. The session is set to begin on May 13, 2025.
- The two senior lifeguards participated in the Lifesaving Instructor Recertification course in Fort St. John on, Sunday, April 6, 2025.

- The Aquatic Lead hand instructed the National Lifeguard recertification course for all the aquatics staff on the evening of Thursday, April 10, 2025, and the morning of Friday, April 11, 2025. These dates were chosen due to aligning with an N.I day to ensure that our junior lifeguards were able to participate.
- One staff member will be participating in the National Lifeguard Instructor recertification course in Prince George on May 1, 2025.
- Staff coordinating installation of filter for pool water at main – high iron is causing significant staining to the new flooring.

Arena:

- Staff met with the building inspector regarding arena bleacher handrailing installation to determine if permitting is required, which it is not.
- Minor Lacrosse started on Monday, April 7.
- Staff prepped and painted the minor and senior lacrosse nets.
- Staff cleaned arena glass.

Fitness Area:

- Staff removed disinfecting wipes from the Fitness Center and replaced with spray bottles of disinfectant and rags for patrons to clean equipment after use. This decision was made based on the environmental and budgetary impact of the single use wipes.

Ski Hill:

- Notified that CityWest will take possession of the ski chalet on Friday, May 2.

Sport Courts/Climbing Wall:

- Staff installed the outdoor tennis, pickleball and volleyball nets.
- Staff deep cleaned the Callahan Room floor and re-tapped the pickleball lines.
- Staff completed weekly climbing wall checks.

Playgrounds/Trails/Parks:

- Staff took two freshly painted and restrung hockey nets to Babine Park and disposed of the broken nets.
- Staff re-installed the zipline.

Programs:

- We launched our gymnastics program on Wednesday, April 23 and it has 18 participants registered so far.
- Staff launched drop-in ball hockey and lacrosse on the arena floor for after school kids.

Events:

- Staff coordinating with the Chamber of Commerce in preparation for the Spring Expo being held at Recreation Services on May 2-3, 2025.
- Staff organizing music lineup for summer concerts and Rockin' the Ridgeline.

- Staff put out a call for local musicians to perform at our summer weekly music in the park sessions.
- Staff met with Andy Barnes to discuss a Church Service opportunity during the Rockin' the Ridgeline weekend.
- We hosted the quilting retreat in the Callahan room from April 24-April 26.

Other:

- Two staff participated in the First Aid Instructor recertification in Prince George on April 30, 2025.
- Staff instructed the OFA 1 recertification course for 2 BOs, 1 bylaw and 1 PW staff.
- CSR staff have completed online excel training.
- Staff met with PW to review joint spring/summer workplan i.e., parks, grounds, playgrounds.
- Contractor reviewed portable stage deficiencies and provided quote for our consideration.
- Staff participated in a lead-hand meeting to improve cross departmental communication.
- Spring and summer project planning with BO and BGMs.
- Staff participated in a phone call/zoom meeting with aquatic amusements regarding the waterslide project.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services

Reviewed By: Corporate Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer