

## **COUNCIL REPORT**

**To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Recreation Services

**Date:** August 20, 2025

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

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### **Usage:**

- Fitness: 1,049
- Pool: 1,108
- Aquafit: 44
- Multi-Court: 77
- Climbing Wall: 3

### **Facility & Operations**

- Setup the bike park for Rockin' the Ridgeline events in collaboration with Public Works – stage, sound equipment, string lighting, picnic tables, outhouses, flowers, mowing, etc.
- Managed event setups for Music in the Park.
- We received the engineer's stamp of approval for the stage repairs and notified user groups that we're good to proceed.
- Deep cleaned the stage.
- Ongoing painting of arena bleachers.
- Replaced a faulty valve in the teach pool to restore functionality.
- Northern Legendary painted screws (solar panels) in community hall roof, and replaced blue kickplate with standard yellow in the arena – staff assisted with arena board kickplate replacement.
- Reward Construction completed brine line repairs on the arena slab. The system will be tested after the 28-day concrete curing period.
- Completed all required park inspections.
- Staff worked with PW to top-up all playground surfacing material.
- Conducted staff safety meetings for both operations and front-line teams on July 29 and 30.
- Continued renovations in the former ladies' washroom as part of accessibility upgrades.
- Staff removed 3 old signs from the John Dahl Park trail system.
- Monthly climbing wall checks were completed on Tuesday, July 23.

## **Programs & Events**

- Successfully hosted our third annual Rockin' the Ridgeline event on Saturday, July 26. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, particularly regarding the headliner, Cooper Tropeau and the Broken Bones.
- Our final Music in the Park for July took place on Thursday, July 31, from 6:00–8:00pm.
- Our climbing wall kids club program started on Tuesday, July 23 and we had 3 participants registered.
- Session 2 of summer swimming lessons began this month, with 22 participants registered.
- Delivered two private swim lessons.
- Our multi-sport program began on Tuesday, July 15 with 9 children registered.
- We hosted our Canada Day event with the Legion at the Community Bike Park on Tuesday, July 1 and had hot dogs, cupcakes and games for families.
- Enbridge held a community engagement session at our facility on Tuesday, July 15.

## **Partnerships & Planning**

- Final design and budget for the slide project have been submitted by contractor.
- Held a joint meeting with the Swim Club, PAC, and the slide manufacturer regarding the recent report. Positive updates were shared and will be brought to a future Council meeting.
- Held discussions with the RDEFG regarding the expired John Dahl Trail agreement; a report will be brought to Council once additional details are confirmed.
- Met with Polar Engineering to develop a strategy for optimizing the arena's heater system. This could help us qualify for an energy grant to support broader upgrades, including arena door replacement, insulation, and bleacher improvements — completing a full overhaul of the playing surface area and mechanical systems.
- Staff met with the library staff to review emergency plans and procedures.
- Staff met with Youth Wellness Society to discuss next steps as it relates to programming space for them at the Rec Centre.
- Collaborating with Public Works on a plumbing plan to install a water filtration system for the pool in order to eliminate the rust issues, which are showing up on the new floor.
- Completed 5 of the 6 outstanding WorkSafe orders and submitted the report - we're finalizing contractor plans to address the remaining confined space order.
- Met with a contractor to review and plan updates to our confined space program.



**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services

**Reviewed By:** Corporate and Financial Services

**Approved By:** Chief Administrative Officer