

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Recreation Services Month End Report

Date: February 17, 2026

Subject: Month End Report – January

Usage Statistics

- Fitness Centre: 1507users
- Pool: 1052 users
- Aquafit: 92 users
- Multi-court: 172 users
- Climbing: 5 users
- Pickleball: 60 users
- Arena: 135 users
- SD 57: 388 users
- Ski Hill: 382 users
- Curling: 21

Programming & Events

- Hosted Morfee School's Winter Fest on Thursday, January 29, with classes rotating through the pool, arena, ODR, Little Mac Ski Hill, and toboggan hill between 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
- Ten SD57 skating classes were held in January.
- Recreation Attendants have started working on WinterQuest tasks.
- February ski and snowboard lesson registration opened on January 21.
- The Adult Volleyball League began on January 8, with seven teams registered.
- The first set of 2026 swimming lessons began.
- Regular pool programming resumed following the condensed Christmas Break schedule, including aqua-fit and range of motion classes.
- The gym renaming event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m., as confirmed by both families.

Operations & Maintenance

- Replaced the exhaust fan in Fry Daddy's.
- Completed play gym repairs.
- Reinstalled the teach pool pump.
- Cleared and flooded the ODR.
- Completed setup for Morfee Winter Fest.
- Began preparation work for WinterQuest.
- Responded to brine pump overheating, which shut down the refrigeration plant and required cancellation of evening ice users. A contractor restored temporary service within 24 hours, with a replacement control panel part ordered and installed within a week.
- Conducted a full facility walkthrough to identify deficiencies and begin developing the 2026 maintenance plan.
- Groomed ski hill and trails as required, including John Dahl Trail.
- Installed parts and completed repairs to floor machines and the swing arm machine.
- Investigated and corrected pool mechanical equipment deficiencies.
- Recreation Attendants completed digging out ski hill features on January 7. Feature placement pending guidance.

Staffing & Safety

- Staff presented the arena project at Renewable Energy in Northern BC: A Power-full Opportunity session in Prince George.
- A new Customer Service Representative began training on January 15.
- Recreation Attendants completed Terrain Park Training on January 22.
- Aquatics Lead Hand completed her NL Recertification in Prince George.
- Aquatics Lead Hand met with the Facility Manager to plan swimming lessons and Spring Break programming.
- Staff meeting held January 21 with full-time and permanent part-time staff across departments.
- Arena ice maintenance and tournament readiness checks supported safe operations.
- Completed safety checks, including a bump test on January 29.

Projects & Planning

- Contractors began constructing and installing an overhang above exterior pool mechanical room doors to mitigate falling ice concerns identified through JOHS.
- Staff met with Escape Fitness to review equipment layout, anchoring practices, replacement options, and overall functionality. Feedback will inform best practices related to equipment replacement, member flow, and risk mitigation.
- Continued work on the John Dahl Trail jurisdiction agreement with the Regional District.
- Ongoing engineering work for the slide project with Access.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Terry Gilmer, Director of Recreation Services

Reviewed By: Corporate Services

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