

## Report to Council

**Report Title:** Recreation Department Update

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**Department:** Recreation

**Date:** July 11, 2023

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**Attachments:**

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### Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2023-24 – Recreation Department Update, prepared by Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer/Acting Director of Community Services for information purposes.

### Report:

#### Background:

The following is a summary of the activities and updates from recreation for Council's information:

#### Administration

- Entered into a new contract with PepsiCo
- Successful recruitment of our Permanent Part-time Facility Maintainer
- Recruitment for the Programming Coordinator maternity leave contract
- Two successful grant applications for the Walkerton and Cargill Lawn bowling clubs, partnership for new equipment
- Successful launch of the Olympia sponsorship opportunity, closed June 30<sup>th</sup> – more details to come in the future

#### Committees

- Parks and Recreation Committee have met several times over the last six months. The committee has reviewed and discussed the following key items:
  - Master Recreation and Facility Review
  - Walkerton Community Centre Score Clock options
  - Tennis Court Rehabilitation
  - Market Garden Update

- Discussed outdoor washroom at the Community Centre and maintenance completed prior to ball season starting
- OTF grant application – discussed Brockton recreation projects for 2024 and selected the best fit for the 2023 intake which closed June 14<sup>th</sup> 2023
- Discussed the future recreation facility location, project management committee and fundraising goals
- Walkerton Community Centre light replacement requirements

## Programs

- March Break
  - We didn't offer any programming/activities due to staffing
- Centennial Park Pool
  - Pool opened to the public on June 19
  - Opened for Swim to Survive and school programs on June 5<sup>th</sup>
    - Approximately 200 students participated in Swim to Survive for free via funding from the Lifesaving Society
  - Despite the lifeguard shortage, we were able to employ enough students for the summer
  - Session 1 of swimming lessons has wrapped up, onto session 2 (*stats and numbers will be available at the end of the summer*)
- Canada Day
  - Received Celebrate Canada Grant for \$5,000 – initially budgeted for fireworks, switched to activities
    - Highlights/Activities: FREE Inflatable Slide, Magician, Balloon Twister, Outdoor Games, Swims, BBQ, Cake and Ice Cream
    - Rotary was incredibly helpful, a good partnership moving forward
  - Event saw about 400 people, mostly families
- Streetfest
  - Set for July 21, 10-4 in the Market Garden
  - A number of children's performances lined up including but not limited to; Petunia the Clown, Walkerton Public Library and Kids Zumba
- Music in the Park
  - 3 performances scheduled for 2023
  - July and August performance will occur at the Market Garden
  - Approximately \$500 received in donations/sponsorship
- Summer Camp
  - Two camp groups, ages 4-5 and 6-12, taking up to 50 campers per week and 66 on swim camp weeks
  - Approximately 86% full
  - Attending 6 off-site trips this summer, including Camp Kintail, Scenic Caves, and Story Book Park to name a few
  - Switched back to daily registration which has proven to be successful so far.

## **Tennis Court Rehabilitation Project**

- Design has been completed and reviewed/approved by staff and the Tennis Court/Pickleball committee
- Construction will begin July 10<sup>th</sup> and to be completed in September
- Currently the Tennis Court/Pickleball subcommittee has raised the following monies:
  - CMR and Intact Insurance- \$5,000
  - Trillium Mutual Insurance - \$3,000
  - Kinsmen - \$6,200
  - Rotary - \$25,000

## **Market Garden**

- Construction of the Market Garden started April 2023 with CSL and completed work end of June 2023
- Parks staff planted the trees, shrubs, plants within the garden, and sod
- Donor Recognition feature being finalized the week of July 7<sup>th</sup>
- Total donations received \$236,465
- Grand opening is July 12<sup>th</sup>

## **Walkerton Community Centre/Arena Operations/ Parks Operations**

- Ice removal and seasonal shutdown/maintenance of refrigeration plant.
- 60' of ice header replaced with new header pipe.
- Replacement of refrigeration vent stack to meet new TSSA standards.
- Brine leak on floor line repaired without removal of floor concrete, completed under budget.
- Annual Asbestos Management Program inspections.
- Seasonal opening of all parks.
- Turning on fountain and cleanup of Heritage Water Garden in cooperation with volunteers.
- Community Gardens Spring cleanup, composting and tilling.
- Hazard trees removal and cleanup at various parks.
- Flower beds cleanup and weeding throughout Brockton.
- Grass cutting equipment servicing and cutting of properties.
- Monitoring and removal of Hogweed – ongoing.
- Hanging baskets and planter installation for Walkerton, Elmwood, Cargill and Chepstow.
- Weekly Saugeen River access point checks and garbage collection, as well as new access point signs installed.
- Opening of Lobies Park Campground and leveling of river sites.
- Completed Walkerton Community Centre parking lot washrooms rehabilitation.
- New EV Charger installation at Walkerton, Cargill and Elmwood Community Centres.
- Ordered new score clock for the Walkerton Community Centre, to be installed mid-August.
- Update to the Director of Community Service office, new carpet and painting of office.
- Relocation of the new Shade Tree to the arena

## Trails Operations

- Saugeen River Trail spring grooming.
- Installed new Rotary donated benches at River Bend Park and Old Truex Dam
- Hazard tree removal and trimming completed.

## Soccer Fields/Ball Diamonds Operations

- Rolling, aerating, over seeding, fertilizing and irrigation system start-up.
- Currently working with Domm Construction on the final design for the concession/washroom facility.
- RFT issued for the new parking lots.

## Playgrounds

- Monthly playground inspections of all Brockton playgrounds.
- Elmwood Community Centre Playground scheduled to be resurfaced in July.
- Optimist Playground surfacing repair scheduled in July.
- Top up of Cargill Community Centre Playground surfacing scheduled for week of July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- New accessible swings installation.

## Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision                       | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community              | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life                               | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development                          | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance                          | N/A |

## Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

All recreation departments are within budget.

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## Respectfully Submitted by:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer/Acting Director of Community Services

**Reviewed By:**

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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer