

Report to Council

Report Title: Recreation Department Update Fall 2023
Prepared By: Trish Serratore, Acting Director of Community Services
Department: Recreation
Date: September 26, 2023
Report Number: REC2023-31 **File Number:** C11REC

Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2023-31 – Recreation Department Update Fall 2023, prepared by Trish Serratore, Acting Director of Community Services for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

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

Administration

- Successful recruitment of our Director of Community Services, Colleen joined the team on September 18th
- Recruitment for the Fall PT Facility Maintainers and Concession Booth Staff
- Successful launch of the Olympia sponsorship with The Kirstine-Ellis Group
- Completed the OFT grant application for the replacement of two ball diamond lighting to LED – awaiting outcome
- Successful grant application with Save on Energy for the lighting update at the Walkerton Community Centre to LED

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 the future recreation facility location, project management committee and fundraising goals
- Walkerton Community Centre light replacement requirements

Programs

- Centennial Park Pool
 - Pool opened to the public on June 19 and the last Public Swim was held on August 31st
 - Opened for Swim to Survive and school programs on June 5th
 - 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
 - Swim Camp and Swimming Lessons were a big hit this summer
- Summer StreetFest
 - Was July 21, 2023 from 10-4pm in the Market Garden
 - Performances included Petunia the Clown, Walkerton Public Library, Kids Zumba, Yoga and Music.
 - Many families enjoyed the arts and crafts that were available, as well as the downtown storefront displays and opportunities! The weather certainly turned out perfect for such a fun day.
- Music in the Park
 - 3 performances in total, with the last 2 performances at the new Market Garden.
- Summer Camp
 - Brockton offered two camp groups, ages 4-5 and 6-12. There were up to 50 campers per week and 66 on swim camp weeks
 - There were 6 off-site trips this summer, including Camp Kintail, Scenic Caves, and Story Book Park which were all well attended
 - Last day of camp was Friday September 1st, and many staff are looking forward to returning next summer!
- Fall Programs
 - There is a number of recreational programs starting this Fall, including Pilates Yoga, Chair Yoga, Adult Zumba and Pound, Gold Zumba and Gentle Fitness as well as Volleyball for adults.
 - Upcoming kids' programs include Junior Ballet Dancers, Stemotics, Little Chefs and more on the way soon; programs tailored for all demographics!
 - Pickleball has relocated to the Cargill Community Centre 3 days a week.
 - Kids and youth will have the opportunity to join a "drop-in gym and dodgeball program" weekly on Wednesday's and Walkerton District.
 - Brockton will be running some upcoming P.A Day camps at the Walkerton Community Centre (October 27th and November 24th).
 - The Public Skating Schedule is up on the Website under "Be Active", "Community Halls" or "Recreation Programs".

Tennis Court Rehabilitation Project

- Construction began on July 10th and is expected to be completed mid October
- 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

Walkerton Community Centre/Arena Operations/ Parks Operations

- New Score Clock has been installed on Sept 19, 2023.
- New LED lighting to be installed the week of September 25th.
- Refrigeration repairs completed.
- Dressing room 5 renovations completed, thanks to the Capitals JR.C hockey club and their sponsors.
- Painting within the Community Centre was completed.
- Winterization and park bathroom closure scheduled for the week of October 10th.
- Lobies Park Campground closes October 9th.
- Concession stand at the Walkerton Community Centre is open.

Trails Operations

- Saugeen River Trail fall grooming.

Soccer Fields/Ball Diamonds Operations

- Fall aerating, over seeding, fertilizing.
- Domm Construction submitted the final plans for building permit, construction is scheduled to begin in October.
- Relocation of the parking lot has started and should be completed mid-October.
- Ball diamond #3 backstop and 3rd base line fence to be replaced in October.

Playgrounds

- Monthly playground inspections of all Brockton playgrounds.
- Elmwood Community Centre Playground resurfacing completed.
- Optimist Playground surfacing repair was completed.
- Top up of Cargill Community Centre Playground surfacing completed.

This extensive list of projects has continued with success throughout the past 6 months through the assistance of various staff and departments throughout the Municipality and the dedication of our Recreation staff.

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.

Respectfully Submitted by:



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Reviewed By:



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