



STAFF REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Report No: CS-2021-10

July 21, 2021

From: Anne Leduc – Director of Community Services

RE: Community Services July 2021 Workplan

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Committee of the Whole received Staff Report No. CS-2021-10

Background / Analysis:

The table enclosed at the end of this report shows the progress on the various projects undertaken by the Community Services Department.

ADMINISTRATION

Building Condition Assessments – The consultants, accompanied by staff performed building condition assessments from July 5th to July 15th in the facilities that fall under Recreation. These include:

- Tim Hortons Soccer Dome
- Dunvegan Recreation Centre
- Sandfield Centre
- Dalkeith Library
- Dalkeith Recreation Centre
- Glen Robertson Recreation Hall
- Glengarry Sports Palace
- Maxville & District Sports Complex
- Apple Hill Recreation Centre

Business & Community Awards Gala – Staff is proposing to delay the Business & Community Awards to the Spring or possibly early Fall of 2022. We have explored hosting a virtual awards show but when speaking with some of the community groups, it was noted that most indicate that they are Zoom-tired and they expressed that being able to gather to celebrate these awards would be best. We have also discussed the possibility of hosting the awards with the Township of South Glengarry. At this time, different formulas are being explored and the result of the consultations will be communicated back to Council to be evaluated as to their feasibility.

COVID-19

- Staff has been keeping abreast of the information forwarded by the different ministries and Public Health and sharing the information with the different users in our facilities.
- The Township's Safe Reopening Plan has been updated according to the directives issued under Step 3. The plans have been posted in a visible area in each facility.
- The following facilities are now open to the public:
 - The Tim Hortons Dome will reopen respecting the gathering limits for each specific activity;
 - The multi-sports pad at the Maxville & District Sports Complex is open from Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 7 pm. The facility may be open on the weekend according to the rental requests that are received.
 - GSP Staff continues to support the COVID-19 clinics and work with the Engineers on the refurbishment of the facility.

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic – The Eastern Ontario Health Unit has announced that anyone with a vaccination appointment on or beyond August 28th must reschedule to an earlier date.

Engineering Plans Glengarry Sports Palace– The Class C budget estimates have been received and staff has participated in a conference call to determine which elements will be funded. A report will be presented to Council shortly.

Engineering Plans Alexandria Skate Park – The Alexandria Skate Park Committee received a quote from a firm that specializes in designing plans for skate parks. The cost of \$14,900 will be covered by skate park funds in an Alexandria Recreation Association account (funds received through Canada Day, Sk8tefest and other fundraising avenues). The work will be performed over the next weeks is part of the shovel-ready conditions of the Community Revitalization Grant which should be filed the week of July 19th.

Grant Application – An application was submitted to the Seniors Community Grant Program 2021-22 intake for the purchase of lawn bowling equipment and the creation of an intergenerational lawn bowling program at the Tim Hortons Dome. The goal is to increase the lawn bowling surfaces that are available (COVID-19) and encourage youth to explore lawn bowling as a sport. The application was supported by the Glengarry Lawn Bowling Group and the Boys and Girls Club Cornwall/SDG.

Health and Safety Meeting – The Recreation Staff met in June to go over each facility's Health and Safety Inspection Reports and to discuss any issue that may arise in the workplace. Minutes are taken and posted to the Health and Safety board in each facility.

Staffing

- The Recreation Facilities are now open to the public as per the Provincial and Public Health directives. The facilities are being operated with the complement of staff required to respond to programming and rental demands.

COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES

Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee

- Participated in the July 5th Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee.
- The Blue Plaques launch occurred at 18 and 25 St. George Street East at the start of the July 5th meeting.

Community Development Committee

- The Community Development Committee met on June 30th and updates were given on the Development and Marketing Strategy as well as the Education and Lagoon upgrades portfolios.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Canada Day Videos – The two Canada Day videos were launched on the Township's Youtube channel on July 1st. Both were well received and can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyHgS_xNDqipiY9sMdVRL3A

Glengarry Minor Baseball Association – The association has resumed activities in July at the Glengarry Sports Palace. They worked on their return to sports plan with the EOHU.

Soccer – The Glengarry Soccer League activities started on July 12th. The Parks staff squared and lined fields to ensure that everything was ready for the start-up.

Summer Camp – Summer Camp started on July 5th and will run until August 27th, 2021. The camp is at full capacity (29 registrations). Participants have been using the Tim Hortons Dome in addition to the facilities at Island Park.

Yoga Programming – Staff is planning on hosting a Fall 2021 Yoga Session starting mid-September. Registration will be launched in August.

Youth Unlimited – This program started at the Maxville & District Sports Complex on July 12th, 2021. Youth Unlimited is offering a half day summer program.

FACILITIES

Glengarry Sports Palace

- Health and Safety inspections were performed for June 2021.
- Anderson Fire Inspection was in to certify the fire suppression systems in the Michel Deprat Community Hall kitchen and in the canteen.
- The parking lot has been swept and lines for parking spaces should be painted during the week of July 19th.
- Soccer fields were prepared for the July 12th, 2021 start.
- The new fiberglass pitching mound was installed on the south ball field. This mound was purchased with the assistance of the Alexandria Recreation Association.
- The Fire Prevention Officer issued a compliance certificate for the Glengarry Sports Palace, including the Alexandria Library.

Island Park

- Health and Safety inspections were done for June 2021.
- Soccer fields were prepared for the July 12th, 2021 start
- The removal of aquatic vegetation at Mill Pond was completed as of July 15, 2021. Staff from the Public Works department performed the removal using the harvester and shared the information regarding quantities of vegetation removed and species captured/ released was forwarded to Recreation Staff on a daily basis. The final report to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans will be sent during the week of July 19, 2021.
- Grass was cut and brush was cleared on two islands in addition to Fireman's Island.
- The painting on the south gazebo is nearing completion.

2021 Mill Pond Water Analysis Results

Geometric Mean of 5 samples E.coli (cfu/100 mL) *		
Date	Result	Comment
27 May 2021	21	None
01 June 2021	10	None
08 June 2021	24	None
16 June 2021	194	None
29 June 2021	686	High Bacteria Advisory posted
5 July 2021	926	High Bacteria Advisory posted
7 July 2021	613	High Bacteria Advisory posted
12 July 2021	799	High Bacteria Advisory posted
* CFU stands for 'Colony Forming Units' and refers to the number of viable bacterial cells in a sample per unit of volume		
± E. coli guidelines for fresh water beaches between 100 and 200 cfu/100 mL varying depending on the swimming-associated risk level deemed acceptable		

Maxville & District Sports Complex

- Health and Safety inspections were done for June 2021.
- Staff has finalized the ice schedule for the 2021 / 2022 and is presently in touch with the ice users to confirm their contracts. The minor hockey user groups have indicated that they will have insurance to start the 2021 / 2022 after September 1st, 2021 only. Notwithstanding this, we have received a request for ice rentals on the last two weekends in August for a Summer Hockey Camp. Staff has reached out to other organizations to see if there is any uptake in ice during week nights in order to make this early start-up date viable.
- Soccer fields were prepared for the July 12th, 2021 start.
- The ball diamond is lined and dragged regularly.
- Mesh has been installed on the micro fields.
- The Community Hall was prepared for the arrival of the Youth Unlimited Summer Camp.
- The EOHU has been contacted to schedule the inspection of the kitchen now that the Community Hall can be used by the public under Step 3 of the Province's safe reopening plan.

Tim Hortons Dome

- Health and Safety inspections were done for June 2021.

Other facilities / assets

- Further to the meeting held between Recreation and Public Works for the improvement of Centennial Park, standing dead trees have been removed, garbage cans installed and picnic tables were brought to this location. A new garbage / recycling unit and accessible picnic table has been ordered for this space and should be received by the end of July.
- Staff prepared the soccer fields located at the Recreation Associations for the July 12th start date.

OTHER

Community Improvement Plan / Regional Incentives Program

- Staff is continuing to promote the CIP with qualifying North Glengarry property owners and process any applications/closing requests that are received.

Meetings (virtual or otherwise) – Staff has participated in the:

- Township values exercises.
- Alexandria Skate Park meetings.
- Technical briefing on Tourism by Minister McLeod

Other Economic Development Activities

- Provided the Maxville and Alexandria Chambers with information regarding various government programs to share with their membership.

- Staff is presently working with South Glengarry Economic Development staff and representatives from the Glengarry Pioneer Museum on the expansion of the Glengarry Virtual Historical Driving Tour for 2022. The 2021 tour was well received by the public. More information on the 2021 Tour is available at <https://glengarrypioneermuseum.ca/event-calendar/#id=105&cid=1745&wid=601>.
- Shared information with businesses and community groups regarding grants and funding opportunities.
- Met on location with property owners regarding applications to the Community Improvement and Regional Incentive Programs.
- Met with individuals regarding the development of their properties.
- Staff is working on a video series with the United Counties of SDG promoting local restaurants in North Glengarry.

Press Releases / Videos / Ads

- Prepared press release regarding the Munro and McIntosh Blue Plaques.

Website, Social Media and traditional media

- Posted information to Facebook
- Created new web pages and updated website following Step 2 and 3 announcements by the Province.

COMMENTS

This report is presented for information purposes only.

Alternatives:

None

Financial Implications:

None

Attachments & Relevant Legislation:

- Community Services July Workplan

Others Consulted:

None

Reviewed and Approved by:
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