

Ongoing Projects of the Department

- **Lake Milo Active Transportation project-** Project plans were presented to Council and was very well received.

New Activities and Projects started during Reporting Period

John D'Arcy, Facilities Coordinator:

- Working on facility operations and facility staff budgets for 2022-23
- Equipment servicing to get ready for spring
- Daily facility checks at Rotary Centre and Milo
- Snow plowing at Hebron Complex, Milo and Ellenwood park.
- Activities like Martial Arts, Dance, and Aerobics at Rotary and Milo can operate at 50% capacity with the latest gathering limit restrictions. Groups are well under this limit.
- Gym Activities are back in full operation now. Restrictions of groups of 60 will be in place for sports activities like pickleball, volleyball and basketball.

Sara Leblanc, Community Recreation Coordinator:

- Biophilia Program -This program is new, we are trying to help combat mental health in covid and thinking of different ways to bring brightness and light into people's lives and homes. One way of doing this is through bringing living green things into people's home. This program is free of charge, there is a signup link on our Facebook page as well as on our website. We will be distributing plants to people in February. We have also asked anyone who signs up to keep us in the loop and share pictures of their plant's growth throughout the year. Plants are being given out the week of February 21st.
- After the Bell -This program is in collaboration with Maple Grove and only runs while school is in session. We are averaging about 7-10 students. Many outdoor activities and craft sessions are planned.
- At Home Scavenger Hunt- This program will be running at home through the week of March Break. We ran a similar program last year which had great participation. We will be doing the program similarly to that this year. We will be giving people challenges, and asking for photos of them and their families participating in the challenge, and of what they have found. Last year we did everything from building a rocket ship from boxes and recyclables to finding tracks in the backyard or on a trail. When the program was completed, we compiled all the photos into a video and posted that for the public to see.
- Heritage Day - For Heritage Day we do a collaborative program with the Yarmouth County Health Board. For this year we are running a walk around Forchu River Trail with healthy trivia posted at different locations around the route. Last year we ran the program with Heritage Day trivia based on Yarmouth facts. This year we have decided to take the program into a different direction and are putting together a program with healthy facts to play in addition to the lifestyle challenge program. This program will be self-directed, the health board is buying the

prizes and assisting in marketing so it can be written both in French and in English. The program will run the week of Heritage Day.

- March Break Plans-We will be running activities with Friends of Ellenwood Park with an in park scavenger hunt running the full week of March Break. We are also renting the Ice from Mariners for two skate times, and the pool for two swim times. As well we will be running the At home Scavenger Hunt which is listed above.

Jillian Comeau, Community Engagement Officer:

- Promotion of Milo & Rotary now with changes to restrictions, already 3 new bookings for March-May
- Policies and Procedures book updating
- Equipment rentals, processing returns and contacting wait list.
- Planning for spring/summer changes and updates. Brainstorming new initiatives for Milo & the Skate park this summer. Work at reviewing what worked well in past years and what are some new programs and ideas we can plan for.

Tanya Ban, Active Living Coordinator:

- Walk Leader Training with Hike Nova Scotia.
- Sharing info and Planning Make Your Move / Make Your Move at work
- Equipment Loan Share & Discussion Meetings/ Recreation NS / CCCH
- New member of Equity in Sport Committee (with local volunteers/coaches)

Personnel or Human Resource Matters

- We will be releasing plans for summer job positions soon. Requesting applications and emphasizing the benefits of working with Yarmouth Recreation.

Training and Personnel Development

- Tanya Bain has taken Walk Leader training.
- CAN BIKE session being planned (local instructors to lead bike safety courses)

Budget

- Working on draft of 2022-23 Budget.
- Year to Date shows Revenues of \$94,448 (Budget is \$149,984) and Expenses of \$612,679 (Budget is \$771,984).

Future Projects

- Milo plans are still underway for renovations of the hall, swim area and fire escape.
- Work has begun on planning for a Recreation Strategic Plan which will include our Physical Activity Plan as well.

Other

- Plans are being made regionally to address Community Use of School Agreements within TCRCE. The plan is to standardize agreements for all schools and subsidize fees to maximize participation. This will start up March 1st.
- NS Communities of the Move Project is exciting! Yarmouth was chosen as one of 7 communities that will compete for funding to increase opportunities for active living, active transportation and physical activity. 3 communities out of 7 will be awarded a grant to support efforts.
- Grants have been submitted for Canada Day Celebrations and Canada Summer jobs.
- New recreation software package is being explored with selection of a vendor coming soon.

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