

Yarmouth Leisure Services Report- March 3rd , 2010

Director's Report:

Volunteer Week 2010 - April 18th -24th

We are receiving information on all of our Volunteer Reception recipients for the April 20th event at the Yarmouth Town Hall. We will pick our Town and Municipal Volunteer Representatives at the March 3rd Leisure meeting.

Grants

Misty has applied for funding for Canada Day Celebrations.

I have applied for Summer Student employment grants (federal)

Active Transportation (AT)

I am involved with the AT project that the Town and Municipality of Yarmouth is undertaking. A first draft should be ready towards the end of March. I am working closely with Jill Robertson of Ekistics Planning and Design and I have made presentations to both councils.

Recreation Nova Scotia

I am on the RNS Annual Golf Tournament committee as well as being involved with planning for the upcoming conference in Halifax.

50 Plus Games- Yarmouth

We are looking at bringing 50+ games back to Yarmouth! We want to build on the steam from the NS Games hosted in Yarmouth last fall.

Rotary Centre

We now have security system at the Rotary Centre. Users will be issued a swipe pass with their building keys now.

Bilingual Community Resource Directory

Roseanne d'Eon has approached our department for support of a project that she has applied for funding on

Submitted by:

Frank Grant

Director

Yarmouth Leisure Services

Facility Maintenance Report

Facility usage summary:

Milo 116 hrs in Feb 928 total
Rotary Center 28.5 hrs in Feb 865.5 total

Seasonal Staff: I recently posted an advertisement on the HRDC job bank for the seasonal grounds keeper positions. Over 30 applications have been received so far. I will be hiring 2 positions in March so that I can do some training before the job actually begins in April.

I have been working on getting our grounds equipment ready for the spring. (fluids and filter changes, batteries charged and installed, blades sharpened, spark plug changes, greasing, etc..)

I will be clearing trees at the Recreation Complex and the trail in Hebron on days when it is nice to work outside. Once this is done I will begin working on getting our facilities ready for opening in the spring.

I will be fixing some small holes on the walls at the Rotary Centre and painting inside this month.

I will be attending the Atlantic Turf Conference in Halifax this month. March 23-25.

I attended the Yar Clippers AGM on Feb 22. We reviewed the terms of the field maintenance agreement and discussed the history of this agreement between the soccer club and LS.

Submitted by:

John D'Arcy
Facilities Coordinator

Recreation Coordinator's Report

Take the Roof Off Winter

We have had dozens of families call in to record their physical activity throughout the month of February. Activities vary from walking and hiking to shoveling snow. We have been using Facebook to issue extra challenges such as "Build a snow sculpture" or "Make a Snow Angel" because it does not require any scheduling around the right weather to be successful.

Flag Day of Canada

We hosted a ceremony commemorating the 45th anniversary of our flag on Flag Day, February 15th at the Yarmouth Cenotaph. Approximately 50 people came out to celebrate including some of our Veterans, local politicians, the Hon. Greg Kerr, the Memorial Club, the IODE and many other community members of all ages. A reception was held at Town hall after the ceremony.

Girls Healthy Living Week

We partnered with the Tri County School Board and the YMCA to deliver a one day open house to girls (geared to ages 12-18) at the Yarmouth YMCA on Feb. 23rd. Girls from all local Junior and Senior High Schools were invited to participate free of charge in a variety of activities. We had a

small amount of participation but there were several competing activities at the same time so different timing may work better in the future.

Kids in Motion

In partnership with the Tri County School Board, Health Promotion and Protection and the Argyle Recreation Department, we are exploring implementing physical activity programming after school hours at a couple identified schools. These programs would take place a couple times per week and promote a variety of age appropriate sports and games.

March Break Fun Days

As in the past couple of years we are hosting 1-2 hour activities during March Break that the whole family can take part in. We will host an event per day - Skating, Swimming, Photo Safari, Bowling, and Games Café. Cost will be \$2 at the most for any event.

Submitted by:

Misty Doucette

Community Recreation Coordinator

Yarmouth Leisure Services