



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa
Staff Monthly Report**

Office of Community Services and Tourism

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Preamble

This report details the activities of the Department of Community Services and Tourism in the months of September 2021.

General

September is one of the busiest months of the year, and COVID has only made things busier. The department's full focus this month was on reopening the MMCC safely and dealing with several legislative changes surrounding vaccinations. I am extremely proud of the team here for ensuring that our community can return to sport safely and following all public health guidelines.

Capital Projects

Scenic High Falls

After awarding the RFP, staff met on site with the successful contractor to review the project. The contractor completed test digs in September to ensure that the proposed location of the washroom facilities was suitable. These digs were successful and materials have been ordered to complete the project. Staff and the contractor agreed on a schedule that would ensure less disruption to the tourist season, and major work on the site will begin after the Thanksgiving weekend.

MMCC LED Lighting

Staff completed the installation of a logo in the Arena ice (picture is included in the Arena section for reference. Staff will also install a logo in the curling ice to complete the project's recognition components.

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MMCC

September Reopening Results

Staff hosted a full reopening of the facility in September, with off-ice programming starting the week of September 20th and on ice programming starting the week of the 27th. We are able to host an almost full schedule, with weekday programming starting at 9:30 am with senior's fitness classes, and ending at 10pm with the conclusion of Hockey for the night.

The reopening of the facility went smoothly – additional staff were on hand throughout the first few weeks to ensure that all users understood the rules, and that everyone was safe and had the opportunity to get back into their sports or activities. There were a few minor issues that staff dealt with, but without any major or unsolvable problems, I believe that we have had a successful reopening. The next major tasks will be the installation of Curling ice as well as the expansion of Gym services and then the MMCC will be back at operating to near-COVID levels.

Arena and Curling

Arena Ice Install 2021

Staff began the ice installation process on September 13th to allow us two weeks to ensure a smooth and safe installation. While there was a delay with our refrigeration contractor, they were able to attend our site on the 13th to complete the critical scheduled maintenance as well as start up the plant. We had a smooth ice install this year, with no humidity or plant issues. We attribute this to a more robust testing of our equipment pre-start up as well as some of the critical upgrades and repairs that have been made to ice making equipment over the past several years.



Parks and Trails

Closure of Parks – September and October

Before the ice installation began, staff shutdown some parks infrastructure that receives less usage after school begins. This includes the washrooms at Lions Beach and the Dock. Later in the month, we closed Dr. Rose’s beach washrooms, and plan to close the remainder of washroom facilities after the thanksgiving weekend. Swings and garbages will be the last of the parks equipment to be closed, occurring around the first snowfall (usually before Remembrance Day) as staff are more tied to the MMCC with the final curling programming starting. Staff would like to bring to Council in the spring of 2022 some recommended service levels and schedules for parks opening and closing so we can remain consistent throughout the year.

Community Events and Recreation

Fall Fair

This year’s fall fair was very successful: with more than 40 vendors of many different types as well as more than 700 patrons spread out throughout the day. It was a very well attended event. Staff of the department closed the road, setup tents and tables, planned and executed recreation programming for youth, coordinated vendors and hosted a movie night at Lions Beach. The event also ensured that all COVID guidelines were followed and that everyone could enjoy a safe, very “normal” outdoor activity in our community.



Senior’s Programming

Staff also began a normal schedule of seniors daytime programming at the MMCC. These classes have proven very popular, with most being attended by 10-15 persons each session. They bring a great way to keep active and incorporate several different activities and intensities to fit a diverse set of our residents. The schedule is:



MMCC Age-Friendly Fall Fitness Session



Starting Tuesday, September 21
12 Week Program

Memberships and Drop-in available and can be purchased starting September 13.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
9:30-10:30 AM SLOW FLOW	9:30 - 10:30 AM ACTIVE TOTAL FIT 2:00 - 3:00 PM FUNCTIONAL TOTAL FIT	9:30 - 10:30 AM Pilates	9:30 - 10:30 AM ACTIVE TOTAL FIT 2:00 - 3:00 PM FUNCTIONAL TOTAL FIT

Tourism**Orange Goose Lighting**

For the newly announced National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, staff lit the Goose in orange in solidarity with indigenous peoples.

**Other Projects**

Nothing to Report.

Funding and Grants**Trillium Resilient Communities – Sportsfield**

Staff completed a Trillium application for improvements to the sports field that included repairs to the track, installation of outdoor fitness and play equipment, and a LED sign for the front of the facility. This grant was challenging to complete as it was only open for the month of September, which was very busy with the reopening, but we completed the submission before the deadline.

Next Month's Outlook

In October, staff will complete most park infrastructure closures, prepare the curling ice and curling programming for the beginning of the season, and incorporate additional adult evening programming and review gym scheduling.

Operations

- Parks Closure
 - Close all park washrooms
 - Clean and winterize all park washrooms
- MMCC
 - Curling Ice Install
 - Operate the facility at full capacity

Recreation

- Programming
 - Schedule adult fitness programming (where instructors are available)
 - Review additional gym hours

Administration

- Tourism
 - Complete all 2022 advertising agreements
- Marina
 - Continue work on proposal to SCH with Committee
- MMCC
 - Operate MMCC according to MMCC Reopening Plan
- Capital Projects
 - Complete Scenic High Falls work
 - Plan for 2022 Capital projects

Attachments

End of Report.