



**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 October, November, and December 2021 – the fall semester of programming at the MMCC.

**General**

This fall was one of the most challenging season openers that the Department has experienced. We were able to reopen the facility safely and without incident for the fall of 2021. This is thanks to the hard work of staff, volunteers, coaches, and parents who have all contributed greatly to our season. In the fall we were able to host most of our normal pre-COVID programming and events at the MMCC, albeit in modified forms.

**Capital Projects**

**Scenic High Falls**

The SHF project has reached substantial completion. Over the last few years, the generous donation by Evolgen has allowed the Municipality to complete the following aspects of the Project to renew the facilities at Scenic High Falls Park:

- Replace parking bollards protecting the greenspace of the Park
- Replace the washroom facilities (pictured mid – construction)
- Replace the pavilion roof (pictured)
- Install a viewing platform at the Voyageur Trailhead overlooking the Falls (pictured)

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In 2022, we plan to work with Evolgen on the development and implementation of interpretive signage for the Park regarding the workings of the local power generation structure, the Magpie River, as well as information on dam safety. There are three (3) outstanding items of the project planned:

- Fabrication and Installation of Interpretive Signage
- Fabrication and Installation of Highway Billboard Signage
- Replacement of Railing

The smaller components will form part of the 2022 operating budget whereas the Billboard signage is included in the Capital budget.

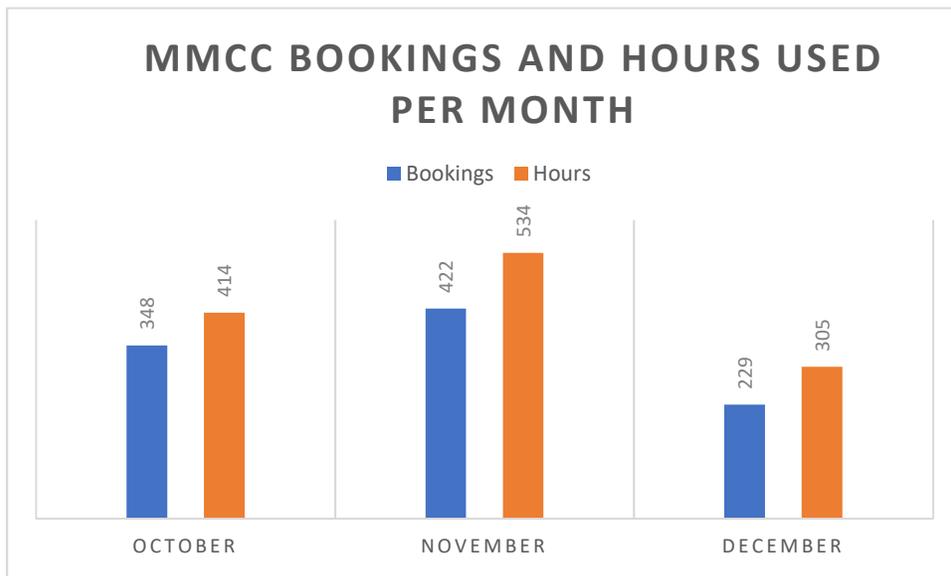
**MMCC Refrigeration Plant Suction Header**

In the fall staff worked with our refrigeration contractor to replace the suction header of the ice plant. This piping forms the link between the main pressure vessel and the compressors, and was at the end of its serviceable life based on condition assessments. Although planned for the summer, it was able to be replaced midway through the fall operating season without any downtime. This will ensure that the plant can operate safely and without any service interruptions due to component failure.

**MMCC**

**Fall Reopening Results & Statistics**

Staff were able to complete the MMCC Reopening Plan with the addition of curling ice, bar service, and gym reopening to 24h in October and November 2021. These additions brought the facility back up to operating at close to pre-COVID capacity. Over the months that made up the fall session, usage was as follows:



Month	Bookings	Hours
October	348	414
November	422	534
December	229	305

*Note that reduced numbers in December were due to the closure of the MMCC on December 16<sup>th</sup>*

Staff have included a sample schedule in **Appendix A**. The MMCC also hosted additional recreational activities detailed in the **Community Events and Recreation** section of this report.

## Arena and Curling

### Curling Ice Install 2021

Staff began the ice installation process on October 18<sup>th</sup> to allow us two weeks to ensure a smooth and safe installation. 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-startup as well as some of the critical upgrades and repairs that have been made to ice making equipment over the past several years.



*Curling ice install: painted white and lines laid, no colour yet.*

## Parks and Trails

**Nothing to Report**

**Community Events and Recreation**

**Fall Programs and Events**

While this year’s fall programming looked different than previous years, the MMCC was able to host substantially similar types and amounts of programs compared to pre-COVID levels. For the fall semester, in addition to the user group bookings discussed in the **MMCC** section, staff coordinated or implemented the following:

October

- Age Friendly Fitness
- Public/Family Skates
- Pickup Hockey
- Goose Nest Cmte.
- Spooky Skate
- Gym 8-4 Reopening
- First Hockey Games
- Minds in Motion

November

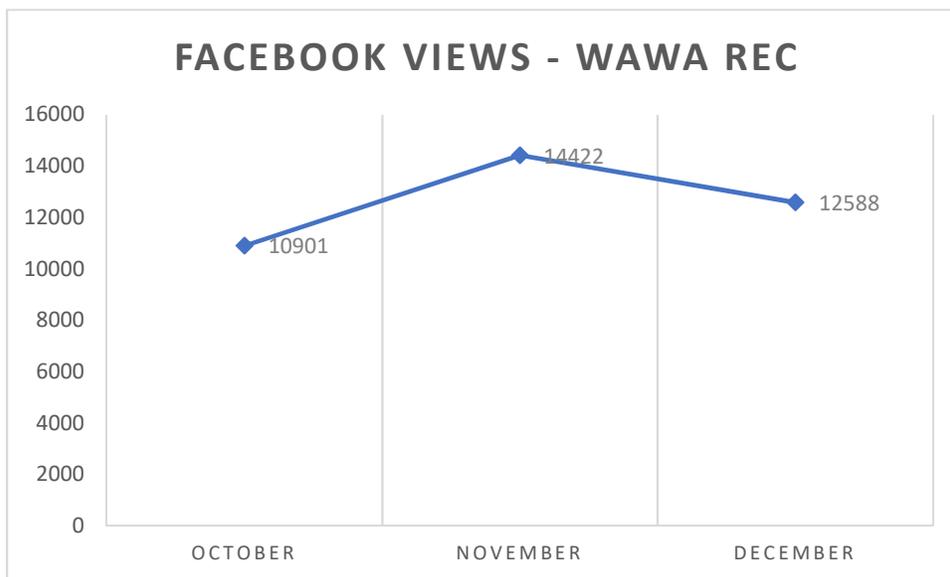
- Curling Season Start
- Bar reopening
- Remembrance Day Ceremony on-ice
- Mayor’s Parade
- Mindful Eating and Movement class
- Womens Tournament

December

- Snowshoe Rentals
- Ski Trail Pass Sales
- Festival of Lights
- Santa Claus Parade
- Goose Nest Holiday Market Support
- Superior Children’s Centre Activities

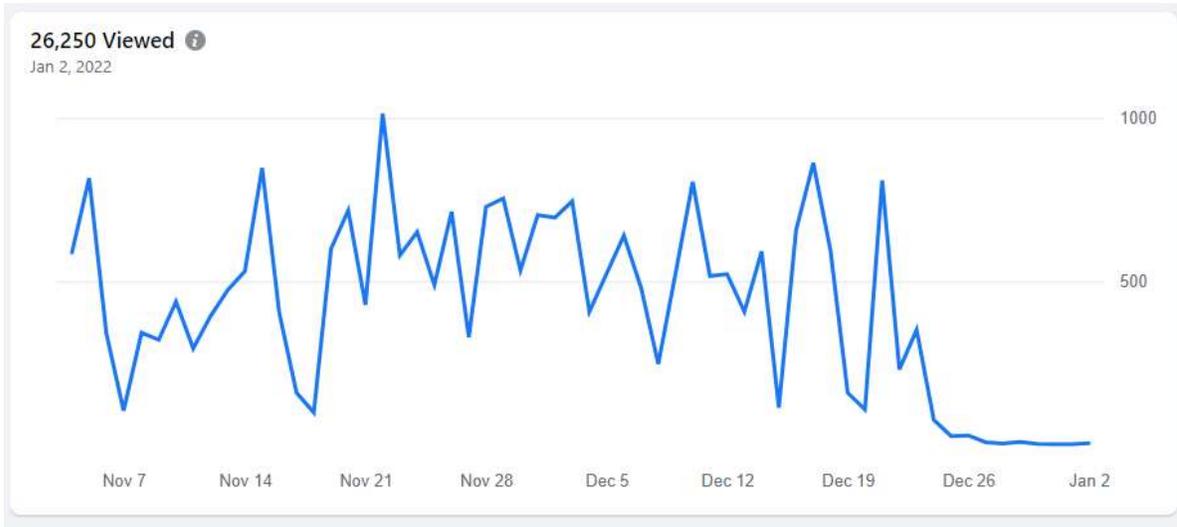
**Social Media Statistics**

Throughout the fall, staff used Social Media to augment our traditional media when working to communicate with the public. This has proven especially critical during the pandemic when regulations are ever changing and the amount of information required to communicate is often large and complex. Over the fall, we increased our views on the Wawa Recreation facebook group, with a peak of 14,422 views in the month of November. A breakdown can be visualized as follows:



Month	Posts	Views
October	37	10901
November	38	14422
December	69	12588

Total views for the last 60 days (as of Jan 2):



## Tourism

### Purple Goose Lighting

For the month of November and into December, we partnered with CHADWIC home for the Shine the Light campaign and lit the Goose purple:



**Other Projects**

Nothing to Report.

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

Staff continue to await results of this grant program.

**MMCC Modernization – NOHFC and ICIP**

In late fall, staff began and completed the first drafts of these funding applications for an approx. 3M\$ project as presented in the 2022 Capital budget. Staff are working with an engineer to finalize the HVAC and energy savings assessments for the facility to complete the applications.

**Attachments**

**Appendix A – Sample Schedule**

**Appendix B – Advertising, Fall 2021**

End of Report.



Please drive slowly and stay in your vehicle

**Friday, December 17**

**6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

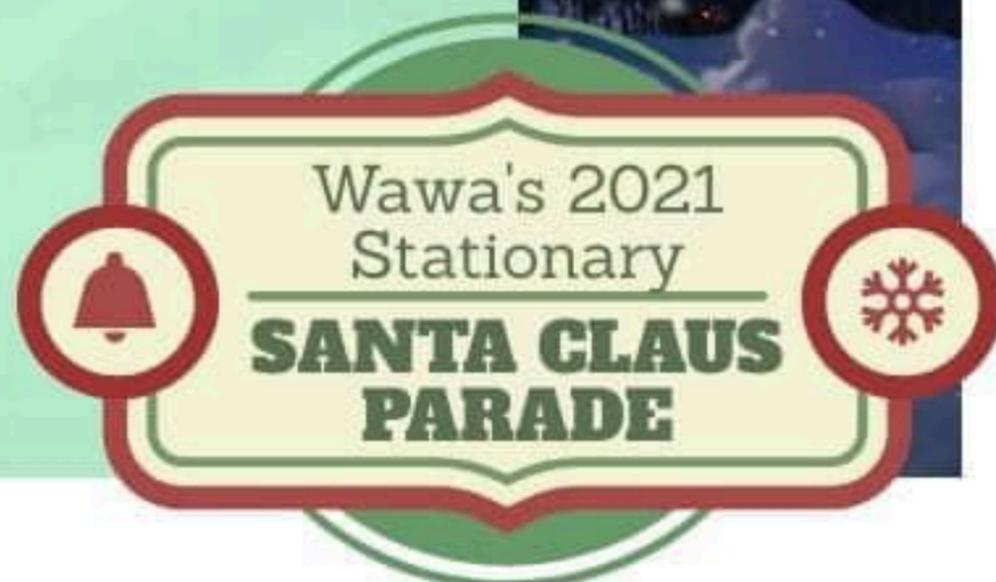
**MMCC Parking Lot**

Enter on Superior Ave



Exit on Chris Simon Drive

Continue your drive and check out  
the Festival of Lights Houses.  
Last night to vote is December 19!



# MMCC 24 HOUR GYM



**24 HOUR GYM WILL  
REOPEN STARTING NOVEMBER 1**  
FOBS are required  
**Proshop Hours 9 am-4 pm Monday-Friday**  
**705-856-2244 ext 240**

## Screening, Contact Tracing and Vaccination Requirements

- All Gym Members over the age of 18 will have to show proof of being fully vaccinated along with ID when purchasing a membership.
  - Users Ages 12-18 that are using the gym and purchasing a membership do not have to show proof of vaccination.
- All users will be required to self-screen upon entry to the MMCC. This requires the users to fill out the Municipal Screening Form every time they enter. Any user with any symptoms may not enter the facility. Records will be kept for contact tracing purposes.
- Users will not be allowed to bring another non-member into the gym with them, all users must be members who have signed up with Staff and reviewed all facility COVID-19 rules as well as have shown proof of vaccination if applicable.

## Masking & Sanitizing

- Users will sanitize hands when entering the facility
- Users will ensure that they wear a mask when in the facility.
  - Masks will not be required when engaging in physical activity.
  - Masks will be required when in the facility for any other purpose, including going to and from the area in which physical activity occurs.

## Entering, Using, & Exiting the Gym

- It is recommended that users come as dressed as possible
- Users must fob in and complete screening information every time they use the gym, including when staff are present
- The Gym will be closed daily from 2pm – 3pm, for staff to clean and sanitize.
- Dressing rooms can be used, but the Showers and Sauna will remain closed
- Users must sanitize equipment before and after each use
- Upon exiting, users must fob out after hours (after 11pm)

# MMCC EVENTS

## December 10-12

### FRIDAY

12-1 pm	Pick-up Hockey
6-8 pm	Public Skate
9-10 pm	Mercantile Game



### SATURDAY

9:15-10:30 am	U7 Timbits vs Dubreuilville and Chapleau
11:45-1 pm	U7 Timbits vs Dubreuilville and Chapleau

### SUNDAY

7-8 pm	Public Skate
8-9 pm	Mercantile Game



# MMCC Age-Friendly Fall Fitness Session

Starting Monday September 20  
12 Week Program

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

**Online option will be available for  
all classes**



**MONDAY**

9:30-10:30 AM  
SLOW FLOW

**TUESDAY**

9:30 - 10:30 AM  
ACTIVE TOTAL FIT

2:00 - 3:00 PM  
★ FUNCTIONAL  
TOTAL FIT

**WEDNESDAY**

9:30 - 10:30 AM  
Pilates

**THURSDAY**

9:30 - 10:30 AM  
ACTIVE TOTAL FIT

2:00 - 3:00 PM  
★ FUNCTIONAL  
TOTAL FIT

Please call the Proshop at  
705-856-2244 ext 240 for more information



## SLOW FLOW

This is a mind, mood and mobility booster for active seniors or morning participants. This class will include mindful movements from tai chi, Pilates, yoga, qi gong and fitness to improve the strength and endurance of the muscles, and for improved flexibility and joint function.

## FUNCTIONAL TOTAL FIT **FREE CLASS**



For former participants of the Stand Up! Falls Prevention, Diabetes Soup to Tomatoes, MMCC Chair Based Classes and Senior's Goose Club Tai Chi are encouraged to participate in this comparable class.

If you have concerns about losing balance, strength or flexibility this is a great place for you. Seated and standing options will be available.

## ACTIVE TOTAL FIT

This is a muscle, metabolism and mood booster for active seniors or morning participants. If you already participate in physical activity on a regular basis but would like additional coaching on strength, cardio and flexibility exercises this is a great place for you. Former participants of AM Total Fit, Urban Poling or MMCC Evening Classes are encouraged to attend this comparable class

## PILATES

Pilates is a method of exercise that consists of low-impact flexibility and muscular strength and endurance movements. Pilates emphasizes proper postural alignment, core strength and muscle balance.



Please call the Proshop at  
705-856-2244 ext. 240

- Participants can enter the building no earlier than 20 minutes prior to the start of their class or booking time
- Participants enter through the front lobby
- Patrons **MUST** sanitize their hands using the hand sanitizer dispenser provided
- Social distancing of 2m must be followed wherever possible
- Each participant must wear a face covering when in the facility, with the exception of when actively engaging in physical activity
- Users can only remove masks upon commencing physical activity
- Capacity limits must be followed at all times
- Washroom is located in the Front Lobby Public Washrooms
- Users are recommended to come dressed with their specific equipment on, and change footwear in the space provided
- Showers and saunas in the dressing rooms are closed
- Gym: users must be out within their allotted time slot and are responsible for sanitizing their equipment after use
- Volunteers and participants must exit the building within 20 minutes of the end of their allotted rental time
- Memberships from prior to the shut down will be honored

# 2021 Festival of Lights



Decorate your house



Register for the contest online (link below) by Wednesday, December 1 @ Noon



Turn your Christmas lights on every night from 6 - 9 pm



Maps will be available December 3 (pick yours up at the Goose Nest Market!)



Find the voting link on Wawa Recreation! Vote between December 2-19



**Decorate your home as festive as you can!**

**Prizes for the top 3 houses**

# 2021 Festival of Lights WINNERS

**Congratulations!**



**1**

56 Winston

**2**

312 Blue AVE - MRV

**3**

55 Third

THANK YOU TO  
ALL THAT  
PARTICIPATED

We will contact winners for prizes!

# Register For Wawa's 2021 Santa Claus Parade

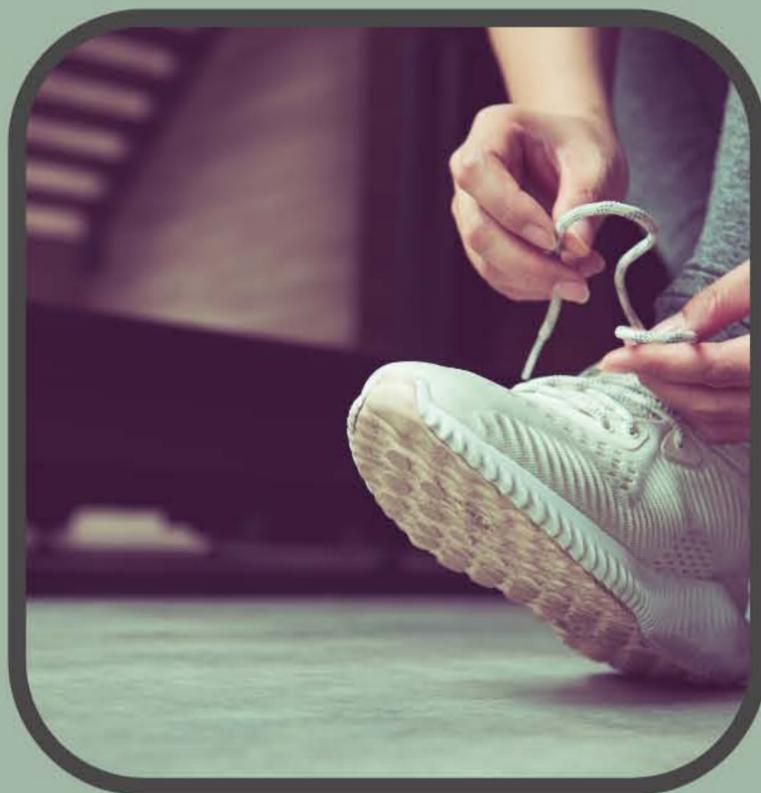
The parade will again be stationary this year and  
located in the MMCC Parking Lot

## Friday , December 17



**Register your float! Call 705-856-2244 ext  
240 or email [mcoe@wawa.cc](mailto:mcoe@wawa.cc)  
Deadline to register is December 10th**

Businesses, Schools, Service Groups.  
Everyone is welcome to put in a float!  
Lets make this parade the best yet!!



# MINDFUL EATING & MOVEMENT CLASS

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JOIN JUSTINE GLOVER, REGISTERED DIETITIAN, JAMIE KIRK,  
OT & MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR, AND MIRINDA  
PATTERSON, MOVEMENT FACILITATOR  
FOR A 6 WEEK INTRODUCTION TO MINDFUL EATING AND  
MINDFUL MOVEMENT PROGRAM.



Starting: Wednesday,  
September 22nd, 2021

From 7:15pm -8:45pm at  
the MMCC

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Contact the MMCC Proshop at 856-2244 ext 240  
or [Mcoe@wawa.cc](mailto:Mcoe@wawa.cc) to register.

# MMCC EVENTS

November 26-28

## FRIDAY

9-10 am	Family Skate
12-1 pm	Pick-up Hockey
6-8 pm	Public Skate
9-10 pm	Mercantile Game

## SATURDAY



**HAPPY  
SATURDAY!**

## SUNDAY

7-8 pm	Public Skate
8-9 pm	Mercantile Game



# MMCC EVENTS

Nov 11-14

## THURSDAY

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

Legion Ceremony  
(Front Lobby Entrance)



Drive Test (Curling Lounge Entrance)

Closed to regular programming

## FRIDAY

10-11 AM - Family Skate

12-1 PM - Pickup Hockey

6-8 PM - Public Skate

9-10 PM - Mercantile Hockey Game

## SATURDAY



## SUNDAY

11:00-12:30 - WMHA Atoms vs Chapleau

11 am - Drive-by Parade for our Mayor (meet at the MMCC)

1:30- 3 PM - WMHA Atoms vs Chapleau

7-8 pm - Public Skate

8-9 PM - Mercantile Hockey Game



# MMCC EVENTS

Nov 19-21



## 4th Annual Lori Johnson Memorial Women's Hockey Tournament

**Good Luck Wawa!**

Public Skates are cancelled this weekend. No spectators permitted.

# MMCC EVENTS

OCT 29-31

## FRIDAY

10-11 AM - Family Skate

12-1 PM - Pick Up Hockey

6-8:00 PM - SPOOKY SKATE

## SATURDAY

10:30-12 AM - WMHA Pee wee vs  
Chapleau

1 - 2:30 PM - WMHA Pee wee vs  
Chapleau

## SUNDAY





Long time residents  
Ron & Lina Rody are  
leaving Wawa for  
their next chapter. Let's  
celebrate  
their dedication to our  
wonderful town by  
joining us for a drive by  
parade!

November 14th 11:00AM  
meet at the MMCC.

Decorate your vehicle!

For more info please call  
Mel at 705-856-2244 ext  
240

# PUBLIC ICE SCHEDULE



## **FAMILY SKATE**

No skate patrol, children must be accompanied on the ice

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**  
**10-10:50 am**

## **PUBLIC SKATE**

Skate Patroller on ice, children must be accompanied in the building

**FRIDAYS - 6-7:50 pm**  
**SUNDAYS - 7-7:50 pm**



## **Adult Pick-Up Hockey**

Ages 16+

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday**  
**12-12:50 pm**



# HALLOWE'EN SPOOKY SKATE



**FREE to anyone  
wearing a  
costume!**

**Friday, October 29  
6-8 pm**

**Small prizes for the  
best dressed!**

