

Report to MSC (Public Works/Planning/C&LS)

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**Report Title: Recreation Update**

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Report # CLS-2024-25



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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Be it resolved that the Municipal Services Committee (MSC) recommends to Council that the Recreation Update be received for information, as presented in MSC report CLS-2024-25.

**UPDATE ON OPERATIONS:**

**Events and Programming**

**Website Updates:** Staff have updated the Recreation Facilities portion of the website. <https://www.rideaulakes.ca/live/community/facilities/recreational-facilities>. The public can now be provided with a list of facilities when they click on a specific amenity or when they click on a Village, the list of parks will appear and list all the amenities within them.

**Yoga in the Park:** The sessions in the park have wrapped up yet again for another year. The session on August 10<sup>th</sup> (In Delta) and August 24<sup>th</sup> (In Elgin) did not run and the August 17<sup>th</sup> (in North Crosby) and the 31<sup>st</sup> (in Lombardy) was cancelled due to rain. The Overall, the program was yet another success. Staff are looking at options for providing Yoga programming beginning this fall at the Newboro and South Elmsley Community Halls in the evenings.

**DARS Summer Program:** The daycamp finished on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and provided services to 23 children over the course of the summer. Finding staff and volunteers to facilitate the program was a challenge. Staff will present the final cost of the program at the October MSC meeting when all invoices have been received.

**Swim Program:** Swim lessons finished on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The program had a 61% capacity. Staff are looking for a solution to increase numbers for enrollment next year. Staff will present the final cost of the program at the October MSC meeting when all invoices have been received.

**Meet me in the Village (Movies in the Park):** The Township hosted a movie night in Delta on August 9<sup>th</sup>. A young family of four attended the pre-entertainment by Mike from the Three2Go Band and 5 youth attended the viewing on Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire. The Movie night in Newboro held on August 29<sup>th</sup> the Township hosted Zoo Crew for pre-

entertainment and played The Garfield Movie. In total there were 5 youth and 3 adults in attendance.

**Garden Contest:** The GROW FOR IT! Garden Contest had a total of 40 contestants. A picnic for all the nominees was held at Lower Beverely Park in Delta, on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, where 24 people attended. The winners for the three categories were as follows (Best Commercial Garden: Claire Jacobs Fine Art, Best Flower Residential Garden: Diane and Keith Haskins, and Best Vegetable Garden: (2-way tie) Isabell Schmid and Kelsie Wright.

**Afterschool Program:** The program will resume September 11<sup>th</sup>. As of writing this report there are 20 children registered for the full school year which is a good start.

**Kidz Movie Club:** The first session will run on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. This program will be in partnership with the library once again and will run once a month from September to June.

**Teen Program:** This program is also in partnership with the library and will run once a month on Mondays. September 16<sup>th</sup> will be the first session, and the youth will be creating fall signs through a workshop with Betty's Signs.

**Pickleball Programming:** Drop-in Pickleball at Rideau District Highschool began on September 4<sup>th</sup> and will run on Tuesdays 7:30-9pm and Wednesdays 8-9pm. Pickleball at Lombardy Public School will begin on September 16<sup>th</sup> and run on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 6pm to 9pm. Both programs will run until the end of the school year.

**Youth Sports:** Will French is once again running his drop-in youth basketball club Tuesdays from 6-7:30pm and Wednesdays 6-8pm at the Rideau District Highschool. The program will run for the course of the school year.

**Ongoing Programming:** The monthly Foley Mountain Family Drop-in Program, weekly fitness in the halls, coffee clubs, cards, and Pickleball at DARS continues to run.

**Grants:** Staff received an email stating that the Township did not receive funding for accessible picnic tables and mobile beach mats from the 2024-25 Inclusive Community Grants Program.

ATTACHMENTS:

- None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

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September 4, 2024

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