



**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 April and May, 2017

General

Spring Parks and Recreation, and Evacuees at the MMCC

In the months of April and May the Department prepares all the parks for their normal summer use. This involves prepping equipment, inspecting parks, clean-up from the winter litter and a host of other tasks. This year, with the extended evacuation, the parks staff was very tied up at the MMCC with other tasks, and it was through great effort and much overtime from staff that most tasks were completed before the summer.

Recreation staff were also very busy during the evacuation running programming for evacuees as well as preparing the normal recreation activities for the summer. Again, through the commitment of staff, programming was organized in time for the summer season. I would like to commend and express my appreciation for the CST staff in a successful evacuation period as well as the completion of normal parks tasks simultaneously.

During the evacuation, all special projects were suspended for the period of the evacuation. This means that other special tasks, such as the renewal of the fitness centre, or Canada 150 tasks, were put on hold for the duration of the evacuation. Staff will work throughout the summer to catch up on these tasks.

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Capital Projects

Wawa Goose Monument

The contractor has completed the first portion of the Goose Project – the construction of the internal frame of the Goose. They have now started on the waterjet cutting of the individual panels that create the feathers of the Goose, as well as the moulding of the head of the Goose. The project is still on schedule and will be complete in time for Canada Day reopening.

A report to Council regarding the fate and use of the old Goose is forthcoming and will consider different ways to use the 1963 Goose for the community's benefit.

Wawa Wayfinding Signage Project

The Wawa Wayfinding signage project is underway with the contractor marking locations for staff to confirm. The signs will be installed over the summer.

This project will also include the fabrication and installation of Ojibway language signage on the Wawa MTO entrance signs due to be installed this summer. Staff are working with Michipicoten First Nation to ensure appropriate translation.

MMCC

Summer Seniors' Fitness Classes

The spring fitness class season has been successfully concluded, and a one month extended senior's session is now underway. This allows for other private programming to happen without conflict while continuing to serve our primary daytime demographic.

Arena and Curling

Evacuation Use

The MMCC Arena and Curling surface were used a great deal for the purposes of recreational activities during the evacuation. This is an excellent use of an underused facility during the summer. Staff are now cleaning and preparing the curling rink for the busy summer booking offerings.

Parks and Trails

Nothing to report.

Community Events and Recreation**Summer Recreation Programming**

Staff have prepared an excellent set of programs for summer 2017. This includes baseball, Timbits soccer, and other offerings popular with the community. As of the writing of this report, and increased social media presence as well as better community awareness has resulted in an increase in participation from last year. Staff look forward to the successful implementation of the programs.

Tourism**TIC Opening**

The TIC has opened for the summer, with staff being able to complete several improvements for the centre and grounds. Staff will continue to improve the look and content of the TIC throughout the summer with the help of the successful funding applications.

Auxiliary Services**Greyhound / National**

National Car Rental continues to be stable at the MMCC, with 24 separate rentals this April and 30 in May. Greyhound services also continue to be stable, with the normal issues for passengers of lateness and unreliability ever present. Passengers have been left outside stranded for several hours, an issue that is now being raised to Greyhound.

Other Projects

Nothing to report.

Funding and Grants**Wawa Waterfront Project**

Staff have finalized grant applications for Stage 2 of both FedNor and NOHFC. These applications contain more specific details of the project such as quoted costs, engineers' preliminary drawings and details on the economic impact of the project. The next steps in these funding applications will be to review all costs with the major funders and provide any extra supporting documents as required. Staff expect an announcement in between 3 and 6 months. The next steps in the Waterfront project will be working on the Ganley bioswale, which the EDC has secured funding for, as well as applying to supplemental grants to aid with the Municipal share of the cost. These include the FCM Green Climate Change as well as follow ups with the Great Lakes Guardian Fund.

Conclusion

The Department of Community Services and Tourism has shifted from Winter to Summer operations these past months, as well as hosting Evacuees while undergoing this transition. Staff are looking forward to special Canada 150 projects in the summer months, as well as several beautification initiatives being undertaken throughout the summer.

Attachments

End of Report.