



Town of Riverview

Parks, Recreation & Community Relations Department Monthly Report

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Section 1: Operational Dashboard

Metric	Previous Period	Current Period	Annual Result	Trend
Pro Kids (Placements)	Fall 2018: 133	Winter 2019: 93 placements	2018 total: 93	Decrease
JUMPSTART (Riverview only)	Fall 2018: 36	Winter 2019: 59 placements	2019 Total: 59	
TOTAL # of children helped (P.R.O. Kids + Jumpstart)	Fall 2018: 169	Winter 2019: 152 placements	2019 Total: 152	
Total from previous year	Fall 2017: 177	Winter 2018: 175 placements	2018 Total: 545	
Coverdale Centre Weekly Usage (<i>Mon.-Fri. 9 am-6 pm</i>)				Kitchen use has remained fairly steady over the first two months Hall use was up a bit with a couple of weekday special events
Kitchen	Jan. 2019: 43.8%	Feb. 2019: 45%		
Hall	Jan. 2019: 43.9	Feb. 2019: 49.7%		
Skate Park (Participants)	Dec. 2018: 249	Jan. 2019: 290	2019 YTD: 290	<i>Increase over 2017</i>
	Dec. 2017: 368	Jan. 2018: 517		2018 total: 3,964 2017 total: 2,843
Swimming Lesson Registration	Winter 2018: 515	Winter 2019: 651	2019 YTD: 651	<i>Increasing</i> <i>Total 2018: 2,282</i>

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	Winter 2017: 332			<i>Total 2017: 1,873 Total 2016: 1,544</i>
60 + Registration	Fall 2018: 199 Fall 2017: 200	Winter 2019: 140 Winter 2018: 128	Total 2019: 140 YTD	<i>Increasing Total 2018: 866 Total 2017: 754 Total 2016: 551</i>
Adult Fitness & Wellness Classes	Fall 2018: 145 Fall 2017: 335	Winter 2019: 93 Winter 2018: 106	2019 total: 93 YTD	<i>Decrease (Note: *Aqua fitness programs have moved to Aquatics with a total of 338 for 2018 & 116 YTD) Total 2018: 441 * Total 2017: 1,158 Total 2016: 1,166</i>
Children's Programs	Fall 2018: 56 Fall 2017: 65	Winter 2019: 49 Winter 2018: 69	2019 total: 49 YTD	<i>Decrease (Less total number of camps offered in summer 2018, & more camps covering 2 week periods rather than one week produced a smaller number of actual registrations in 2018.) Total 2018: 714 Total 2017: 1,176 Total 2016: 1,023</i>

Section 2: Status of Department's/Section's Operational Priorities for 2018

Priority	Status
Tenders	The following Request for Proposals (RFP) and Tenders are in the process of being produced for posting to NBON: Lions Community Park Pool (RFP) Youth Services Review (RFP) Consulting Services for the Provision of a Wellness Centre Functional & Technical Program (RFP) Parks & Recreation Administration Building Roof Repair (Tender)

<p>A Safe and Welcoming Community</p>	<p>Community Events</p> <p>Riverview Winter Carnival 2019</p> <p>Winter Carnival was a huge success again this year, as it experiences a continued growth in citizen participation as well as corporate and not for profit engagement. Although the weather was cold for the Ignite Opening Ceremonies and attendance was down slightly, it remained well attended and Winter Wonderland Park seen substantial activity over the 10 day event.</p> <p>The River of Pride event, “Out in the Cold”, highlighting sexual and gender diversity saw a 75% increase in attendance over last year’s first event of its kind in Riverview.</p> <p>Additional equipment was on loan from ParaNB this year, to better facilitate people of all abilities to participate in outdoor activities. In addition to the hockey sledges on loan for the past two Winter Carnivals, there were a sit-ski, a snow-coach and curling sticks available. Tango Medical Supplies assisted with facilitating the use of the equipment and also partnered with Pickle Planet to help with promoting not only the fact that we are offering these accessible opportunities, but to help with promotion of the Winter Carnival in general. Wheelchair accessible parking was also designated.</p> <p>The Aquatic Centre hosted a free workshop “Family Swim to Survive”, on Feb 10th in conjunction with Winter Carnival’s <i>Learn</i> theme. The workshop engaged children and families to learn and practice the basic skills to survive an unexpected fall into open water.</p> <p>The Winter Carnival movie was “Small Foot” and was filled to capacity, with just under 300 people attending.</p> <p>The Snowflake Skate seen approximately 200 people comprised mainly of families with young children. This is about three times the number that attended the Christmas skate. The synchronized skating team performed which was well received.</p> <p>The Mayor’s Luncheon was filled to capacity with only a few cancellations, which were filled with others from the wait list.</p> <p>Skate Park</p> <p>The skate park continues to provide a safe, supervised environment for youth. January saw an increase in visitors from other provinces. The majority of visitors/skaters were 12 years of age and up. There were a number of All Ages skate events scheduled during February, which seen an increase in the number of new people attending, making for a busy time, however staff were happy to get new users. The Frozen Open Competition during Winter Carnival had 26 competitors (12 Intermediate and 14 Advanced). They came from all over the Maritimes including: Summerside, Charlottetown, Saint John, Bathurst, and Fredericton.</p>
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Winter Trails & Activities

Town crews continue grooming the walking trails along Gunningsville Blvd, Pine Glen and Riverfront Park. This year's extension of snow clearing on the Riverfront to Muncey Drive is working well, as is the inclusion of Sawgrass and Old Coach and other selected linkages with the assistance of Public Works crews. Staff is gradually increasing capacity to groom all our trails year over year. As well, the Cross Country Trails (classic and skate) and the snow shoe/Fat Bike trails are regularly groomed at Mill Creek Nature Park and is experiencing significant use. The local Fat biking group is also conducting weekly rides at the Park and community volunteers are assisting regular Town crews with grooming. Winter Wonderland Park is in full swing with the skating oval, sliding hill and snowboarding facility seeing significant use. A local snowboarding group is grooming the snowboarding side of the hill in partnership with the department's maintenance crews. Recent cold and rainy weather has forced closures of the hill for short periods for user safety.

Planning for the Future

PCMAC

The Grade 5 Water polo program began Jan 8th and will run for 10 weeks. This program provides the opportunity for all grade 5 classes in Riverview to experience water polo first hand through school-to-school matches.

Facility Improvements

The Aquatic Coordinator, the Manager of Recreation Facilities & Assets and the Parks Foreman reviewed the recently published *New Brunswick Public Pool Safety Standards* to identify areas of improvement for the aquatic centre. This document is the first time in the province that best practices and recommendations have been identified. This will be a continuous process with a focus upon risk management and factuality of the centre.

Art Procurement

Barbara DeNieverville has agreed to be the new "artist" member and Gwen Dixon has agreed to be the new community member of the Art Procurement Committee. Mike Molnar is remaining on the committee as the other community member. Committee planning meetings are expected to be scheduled in the near future.

	<p>Community Garden</p> <p>Registration for the 2019 season has been open to returning users and the general public. As of Feb. 14th, 2019, 30 of 40 in ground plots and 12 of 20 raised beds have been rented.</p> <p>Friends of Mill Creek Advisory Committee</p> <p>Friends of Mill Creek continue to meet monthly to provide a venue for community engagement and plan for the future of the park. Currently there is discussion, and individual members looking at the possibility of, constructing an Natural Playground in the area of the Lookout, engaging the local elementary schools in a pollinator garden project, planning an annual Bio blitz through the high school for the entire community to participate, and looking at the potential for a public education project addressing the growing conflict between various user groups using the Park for their activities (walkers, skiers, Fat Bikers, etc.).</p>
Smart and Sustainable Growth	<p>PCMAC</p> <p>Program Development</p> <p>Marketing is underway from Jan. 1st to Mar. 1st to target and approach specific sport and homeschool groups to build our Fall 2019 daytime programming.</p> <p>Pool Visits</p> <p>As a point of interest, there were 34,439 pool visits in 2017. This number rose to 54,439 pool visits in 2018.</p>
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Section 3: Other Notable Development & Highlights for Council's Attention

Staff Development

The Aquatic Coordinator participated in session 1 of Horizon's Community Health Needs Assessment process that is underway for the Riverview and surrounding areas. The goal of session 1 was to identify health assets in the community and review the committee's process moving forward. The complete process involves a review every 5 years to compare health research to the present community, identify areas of improvement and make recommendations as a committee.