



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)	Winter 2019: 93 placements	Spring 2019: 71 placements	2019 total: 164	Stable 2018 total: 545 2017 total: 590
JUMPSTART (Riverview only)	Winter 2019: 59 placements	Spring 2019: 11 placements	2019 Total: 70	
TOTAL # of children helped (P.R.O. Kids + Jumpstart)	Winter 2019: 152placements	Spring 2019: 82 placements	2019 Total: 234	
Total from previous year	Winter 2018: 175placements	Spring 2018: 89 placements	2018 Total: 545	
Coverdale Centre Weekly Usage (Mon.-Fri. 9 am-6 pm)				<i>Kitchen use is up slightly with one user increasing their number of hours.</i> <i>Hall use down with just regular renters and no extra events during the week.</i>
Kitchen	April 2019: 51.7%	May 2019: 54.0%		
Hall	April 2019: 57.8%	May 2019: 44.4%		
Skate Park (Participants)	March 2019: 408	April 2019:235	2019 YTD: 1,259	Decrease 2018 total: 3,964 2017 total: 2,843
	March 2018: 486	April 2018: 258		

Swimming Lesson Registration	Spring 2018: 588 Spring 2017: 454	Spring 2019: 828	2019 YTD: 1,499	Increase Total 2018: 2,282 Total 2017: 1,873 Total 2016: 1,544
60 + Registration	Winter 2019: 140 Winter 2018: 128	Spring 2019: 153 Spring 2018: 123	Total 2019: 293 YTD	Increasing Total 2018: 866 Total 2017: 754 Total 2016: 551
Adult Fitness & Wellness Classes	Winter 2019: 93 Winter 2018: 106	Spring 2019: 104 <i>Aquatic Fitness Spring'19: 95 Spring 2018: 128</i> Spring 2018: 128	2019 total: 197 YTD <i>Aquatic Fitness YTD: 211</i> Total 2018: 441	Decrease (Note: *Aqua fitness programs have moved to Aquatics with a total of 338 for 2018.) Total 2018: 441 * Total 2017: 1,158 Total 2016: 1,166
Children's Programs	Winter 2019: 55 Winter 2018: 69	Spring 2019: 41 Spring 2018: 43	2019 total: 96 YTD	Stable Total 2018: 714 Total 2017: 1,176 Total 2016: 1,023

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

Priority	Status
Tenders	The following Request for Proposals (RFP) and Tenders, have been posted to NBON: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lions Community Park Pool (RFP): Awarded 2. Parks & Recreation Administration Building Roof Repair (Retender): Closes May 22nd, 2019, with a change in scope for work.
A Safe and Welcoming Community	Community Events Maple Potluck <p>This year's Maple Potluck was a great success at the Skate Park. It was a busy day of all ages skating. Several visitors who have never attended a skate park potluck were very impressed by the event. There was an amazing selection of maple based foods such as maple weenies, maple meatballs, maple basted chicken wrapped in maple bacon and jalapeno, and lots of other great options. In addition we received the first item as part of our summer Mrs. Dunster's sponsorship. They made us a beautiful maple slab cake soaking the batter in maple a full day before forming the cake itself. Everyone had an amazing time. Thanks to Mrs. Dunster's for their very generous contribution to the event and the park events all summer long.</p>

	<p>Community Awards Nominations for the Sports Wall of Fame remain open until the end of May 31st, 2019. The Youth appreciation Awards will be presented in June. We the winners of three categories (Academics, Fine Arts, and Athletics) have been received from RHS. Nominations for the Community Service Award remains open.</p> <p>Skate Park Overall April was an eventful month with Maple Festival and Easter events. The skate park hosted a community 'maple themed' potluck and all ages skate, as well as an Easter Extravaganza including a giant Easter egg hunt. There were lots of first time faces into the facility who have all returned several times since their first visits. With spring hockey, maple fest events next door, as well as a market, there were several walk ins who were simply in the area and were curious about what was inside. In addition to regular operations, staff was busy planning a Star Wars Themed event for Youth Week in Canada on May 4th.</p>
Planning for the Future	<p>Community Garden Registration for the 2019 season has been open to returning users and the general public. As of May 15th, 2019, 40 of 40 in ground plots and 16 of 20 raised beds have been rented.</p>
Smart and Sustainable Growth	<p>Events & Activity Guide For the first time in decades, the Events & Activities Guide was not mailed to all homes in Riverview. In lieu of the guide, a mailer card was sent out to all residents, instructing folks to visit our website to view the guide, or pick up one of the paper copies at various town facilities. This initiative will save 23 trees and will save the town approximately \$5,000 per edition.</p>
Fiscal Responsibility and Service Excellence	<p>Nothing to report at this time.</p>

Section 3: Other Notable Development & Highlights for Council's Attention

Staff Development

February 7th, 2019: Arena Training

All arena staff attended the Mid-season Ice Maintenance Seminar Thursday, February 7th at the Kay Arena in Moncton, NB. This one-day seminar was designed specifically for those in the arena industry and has become an integral part of the training of arena personnel throughout the Maritimes. The Mid-season Ice Maintenance Seminar is an integral part of the overall professional development for those in the arena industry. The information obtained from this workshop is put to use immediately.

May 23/24: Community Recreation Worker – Aquatics is attending 2 trainings in Halifax:

Aquatic Management Certificate: For recreation professionals responsible for overseeing the operation of aquatic facilities, this 10 hour training program provides the knowledge required to provide a safe aquatic environment

S.E.E. Auditor Training: Supervision Evaluation and Enhancement course is designed to give individuals the knowledge, training and tools required to evaluate the safety of lifeguard and instructor supervision using a quantifiable measuring system.

April 16/17: Both full time Aquatic staff attended the 2nd Canadian Red Cross Atlantic Swimposium held at the City of Dieppe. The 2 day event included keynote speakers from across Canada and several certification courses in Water Safety and Instructor Development. A large number of supervisory staff from around the Maritimes attended to discuss common trends and challenges in the aquatic industry.

April 28: PCMAC hosted a regional Aqua fitness Instructor workshop in partnership with Fitness NB and AQX-Training Programs. The workshop seen 18 instructors from across Atlantic Canada use PCMAC for professional development and recertification.

April 27: Both full time aquatic employees will be attended the Lifesaving Society of NB's 51st AGM, where they accepted an award on behalf of the town: "Largest Lifesaving Program in the Province for a Municipality under 20,000 Residents" for 2018. Scoring is point based and relates to participation in swimming lessons and certification courses delivered.

1 st : Town of Riverview	6,855
2 nd : City of Miramichi	2,720
3 rd : Town of St. Stephen	2,413
4 th : Town of Woodstock	2,032
5 th : Village of Bath	1,536

Youth

On Thursday, May 2, a tri-community youth discussion was held at Moncton City Hall. The goal of this discussion was to facilitate a conversation between youth advisory groups from the three communities (Riverview, Moncton and Dieppe) in our area. The discussion was split into several different sections and focussed on a variety of topics relevant to both the communities at large, and youth's impact on current issues. The Community Recreation Worker-Youth and the skate park/community centre operator were also in attendance representing Riverview.

The first topic of conversation was the uniqueness of each community. The youth from Riverview described the value in having nature surrounding our town. Having accessible walking trails and the centralization of most of our green areas such as Mill Creek Nature Park was seen as a good quality to have, especially with the increase many kids are seeing in their "screen time" (cellphone, tablet). Another unique quality of Riverview that the youth discussed was the experience they can receive through the Town's Junior Leadership program. They discussed the importance of gaining both life skills and work experience that the program offers. The groups from Moncton and Dieppe were very curious and expressed their desire to have similar programs made available in their cities.

Also discussed was the banning of single use plastic bags. All groups agreed there is certainly a need to ban all single use plastic bags due to the negative effect they are having on the environment. The entirety of the room agreed they would fully support a ban, however one youth from Riverview voiced his concern about small businesses not being able to afford the extra cost of paper bags.

When asked how the three communities collaborate with youth, and ways they might be able to improve on collaboration, everyone agreed that there currently isn't enough of a partnership formed between the three tri-community areas. The types of discussions they were currently having were seen as a giant step towards a more joint effort regarding different issues that affect youth. The discussion was a success and there are plans to make this time of collaboration more frequent.

Please note: Riverview doesn't not currently have an active Mayor's Youth Advisory Group however department staff contacted youth actively involved in our community, most have been Junior Leaders and /or summer P&R staff, to come together and represent Riverview at the tri community meeting.