



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)	Summer 2019: 98 placements	Fall 2019: 116 placements	2019 total: 391	Stable 2018 total: 545 2017 total: 590
JUMPSTART (Riverview only)	Summer 2019: 29 placements	Fall 2019: 33 placements	2019 Total: 132	
TOTAL # of children helped (P.R.O. Kids + Jumpstart)	Summer 2019: 127total placements	Fall 2019: 149 total placements	2019 Total: 523	
Total from previous year	Summer 2018: 112 placements	Fall 2018: 169 placements	2018 Total: 545	
Coverdale Centre Weekly Usage (Mon.-Fri. 9 am-6 pm)				Numbers for both the kitchen and hall are down, and are even somewhat inflated because of a summer camp that booked both the kitchen and hall for an entire week. We are down to one incubator kitchen (although it appears there will be some new ones coming this Fall) Pickleball was down to two sessions per week and even shut down for two weeks in August.
Kitchen	June 2019: 35.6%	July/Aug. 2019: 41.3%		
Hall	June 2019: 43.9%	July/ Aug. 2019: 27.3%		
Skate Park (Participants)	May 2019: 235	Summer '19: 385	2019 YTD: 1,801	Increase Summer over Summer

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Junior Leader Program	May 2018: 230 Summer 2018: 20	Summer '18: 322 Summer 2019: 21	Total volunteer hrs. 2019: 3,637	2018 total: 3,964 2017 total: 2,843
Swimming Lesson Registration	Summer 2018: 339 Summer 2017: 288	Summer 2019: 386	2019 YTD: : 1,865	Increase Total 2018: 2,282 Total 2017: 1,873 Total 2016: 1,544
60 + Registration	Summer 2019: 255 Summer 2018: 386	Fall 2019: 155 Fall 2018: 199	Total 2019: 777 YTD	Decrease <i>Numbers registered for programs this summer was significantly lower than in previous years, due in part to our transportation problems (students under the age of 21 are unable to drive rental vans). Many seniors pointed to the lack of transportation as the reason for the lower attendance.</i> Total 2018: 866 Total 2017: 754 Total 2016: 551
Adult Fitness & Wellness Classes	Summer 2019: 36 Summer 2018: 28	Fall 2019: 81 <i>Aquatic Fitness Summer '19: 33 Spring '19: 95 Spring 2018: 128</i> Fall 2018: 145	2019 total: 314 YTD <i>Aquatic Fitness YTD: 244</i> Total 2018: 441	Decrease <i>In 2018, there was a significant spike in registrants for our outdoor classes, such as Learn to Hike, and the Bushcraft courses. This year, the numbers have gone down quite a bit for these programs. Registration for these programs tend to come in waves as these are not courses that you would re-register in. They are a one-time only class, for the most part.</i> <i>(Note: *Aqua fitness programs have moved to Aquatics with a total of 338 for 2018.)</i> Total 2018: 441 * Total 2017: 1,158 Total 2016: 1,166
Children's Programs	Summer 2019: 345 Summer 2018: 545	Fall 2019: 50 Fall 2018: 56	2019 total: 814 YTD	Increase <i>We opened up more spaces in camps this summer, and the Playbourhood program also saw an increase in numbers.</i> 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
Capital Projects	<p>Playgrounds Parks & Recreation staff have begun the work required to install play equipment and associated amenities, as per the conceptual plans and public consultation sessions, at both the Redwater Dr. and Byron Court playgrounds. All work is expected to be completed by the end of September or early October, providing the weather cooperates. The play spaces are primarily designed for the infant to 5 year old demographic with shaded gazebos, access by walkways, seating, bike racks, tree planting and in the case of Byron Court, a paved pad for street type play.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Trail Connections The trail connecting Trites Rd. to Wilson Rd., referred to as the Mabel Trail, has been rebuilt by Town Parks & Recreation crews. Paving is the last step and is currently scheduled for the week of September 16th. The connector trails from Canterbury Ave. to Page Street reconstructed in 2018, and Old Coach to the Gunningsville Blvd. constructed in 2018, are also scheduled for paving the week of September 16th, weather permitting. Both sections were addressed by town forces. The following trails received entrance gates to deter vehicle access and to enhance pedestrian safety: Country Club Rd. To Gunningsville Blvd., Gunningsville Blvd. to Old Coach Rd., Canterbury Ave. to Page St. The following will get the same treatment late Fall or early Spring: Wilson Rd. to Trites Rd., McAllister Rd. to Berkley Dr., Sawgrass Dr. to the Coverdale Centre and Riverfront Trail across from Court St.</p> <p>Lion Community Park Pool The Lion Ken Gabby Outdoor Pool and building was open from June 27th to August 5th. The earlier than anticipated closure was necessary to ensure contractors had a sufficient window in the Fall to pour concrete. Below is a snap shot of work completed to date. The project is currently on schedule to be completed by the end of December:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building demolition and site excavation Removal of pool deck, mechanicals Sand-blasting of old paint layers Redesign of mechanicals and circulation system Repairs to concrete in the pool (walls were discovered to be in much better condition than originally expected based on their age). Pouring of building foundation <p>Mill Creek Nature Park Design work and construction drawings as well as associated permits are in the process of being completed for work to commence at the Nolan Gully Trail that extends from the current completed trail to the Mill Creek Dam. As well, with the recent funding provided through the federal & provincial governments, final drawings for trail and bridge connection to the South side of the park and the natural/adventure playground have been fast tracked and are nearing completion. Work is expected to begin the week of September 23rd using Town crews for most aspects of the work.</p>

	<p>With the assistance of Public Works, the area referred to as the dump, located at the end of Runnymede Road, adjacent to the entrance of the park, has been filled and levelled, allowing for the area to be hydro seeded to provide a grassed area for large group activities into the future. This will be a welcomed addition to the park.</p> <p>Administration Building Roof Roof repair at the Parks & Recreation building as per the tender let to GMB Roofing is complete.</p>
A Safe and Welcoming Community	<p>Community Events</p> <p>Youth Appreciation Awards The awards were held at the Skate park this year; the idea to expose more people to the facility who may not be aware of it, and it worked. Eight (8) youth received awards in the partnership between the Town of Riverview and the Optimist Club. This past June the Skate park has been working in cooperation with the Communications Department on a video promotion project for the park. Natalie Boisseneault has been filming and editing the project. This event served as the second opportunity for her to come in and film some candid moments at the park. In order to add some incentive for people to visit, regardless of beautiful weather which tends to keep users away. A fundraiser BBQ for the proposed outdoor expansion project in 2020, was held. This is the last All Ages skate before summer hours commence. Natalie managed to get some great action shots from customers and staff interacting at the park.</p> <p>Sunfest Due to the rainy weather during Sunfest, 12 of the 25 scheduled events ran as scheduled. Eight (8) were cancelled due to low numbers or poor weather, while 5 were moved to their indoor location/date. A new event which did well was Bicycle Bingo at Mill Creek Nature Park. The annual wrestling event at Coverdale Centre, 3 on 3 basketball and Geocaching events did well.</p> <p>Canada Day Canada Day festivities were moved inside this year. In spite of the move, approximately 5, 500 people attended throughout the day. One issue that came up for one of the group's onsite was that they received counterfeit money. A few stations affected by the move included: bike valet, pet watering station and water bottle refill station (there is not an indoor water bottle refill station at the arena). Tango Medical and the Para NB equipment were onsite to educate the public on accessibility issues.</p> <p>Art in the Park Summer Concert Series Approximately 1,500 people attended in 2019, down approx. 500 from 2018, with the breakdown as follows: 6% children, 30% adults and 64% being 60+ Of the 36 groups/artists suggested for 2019, staff were able to book 4 of them. Staff continue to work out a promotional plan to extend the reach of this events promotional activities. Interestingly, this summer seen an increase in attendees aged 35-59 as well as birth to 12 years. Concert goers who attended for 9+ years almost doubled from last year, which is in keeping with other statistics. Ninety (90) % of those asked if it were their first time to the event said it was, as compared to 77% last summer.</p> <p>Block Parties</p>

Attendance was good at block parties this summer. Community groups involved this year included: Tango Medical, Fundy Biosphere, RCMP volunteers, Neighborhood Watch, along with our own, active living and community garden booths, summer camps information booth, games which included a scavenger hunt, and “Getting to Know You Bingo”, which was very popular with a variety of ages.

P.R.O. Kids

The Moncton Wildcats hosted the annual Celebrity Golf Tournament and banquet once again this year on June 23rd & 24th, with the proceeds going to P.R.O. Kids in Riverview and Dieppe and M.Y.R.A.P. in Moncton. \$75,000 was donated to the three organizations, with \$25,000 coming to Riverview P.R.O. Kids.

Program Registration

Fall registration went well despite the impending hurricane. It is the first time for combining the 60+ registration with the regular registration, however it went well.

Fifty-five (55) people registered in person during registration at the Parks & Recreation office between 10 a.m. and noon. There were 28 people in line, and we were through the line in 45 minutes. The remaining 27 people were registered throughout the remainder of the last hour and 15 minutes. Not all of them were 60+. The breakdown:

- 36 senior programs
- 15 swimming lessons
- 4 adult fitness

At the same time that 55 people registering in person, 476 people registered online.

Art Procurement Committee

The Art Procurement Committee put out the call for local artists to drop off artwork this summer as entries for the annual art purchase, with a deadline date of September 11th. There were many art pieces provided by artists. The committee is currently assessing the entries.

Skate park and Youth Centre

This summer our All Ages vs. dedicated times for those aged 11 and under and those aged 12 and up, began on June 22nd and ran through to September 1st. Customers appreciated the flexibility. People came from China, Korea, Poland, Germany, Ontario, Quebec, NS, Alberta, and PEI, as well as other areas of NB, to use the skate park. Most reported to staff that they were very impressed with the facility, staff, and pricing, and that they all wished they had a facility of this sort in their home communities. These users also left amazing reviews on Facebook! In addition one grandmother submit a personal letter to the town regarding her visit.

“I took my grandson for the first time to the indoor skate park today in Riverview and was very impressed with the environment. On complimenting those on duty, they said that rules are strictly enforced. The one gentlemen who seemed to be in charge was on the floor a lot with the kids, giving instructions and encouraging the kids on their skills. One boy had a tumble and the supervisor quickly had ice on his ankle and the boy was back on his board again. I compliment Riverview Recreation Department on their indoor skate board park. A nice environment for kids and their parents. I heard no bad language.”

Brenda Wilmot/ Lower Coverdale

This summer, Skate park staff took youth to skate parks in both Kentville, NS and Stratford, PEI. Both trips went very well. The Skate park hosted **Adoption NB** for a social get together of

	<p>families with adopted children, and foster families. This event was a huge success with approximately 20 children plus their guardians, most of which had never been to the facility. Everybody, including the kids who stated they weren't going to try skating, ended up on a skateboard by the end of the event. They spent time playing in the youth centre and brought in pizza offering it to all of our customers. A multitude of positive compliments and social media posts were received after the event.</p> <p>The Skate park staff team prepared and planted a "pick and eat" veggies and fruit garden at the front this summer, including: peas, beans, peppers, raspberries, strawberries, and tomatoes.</p>
Planning for the Future	<p>Community Garden</p> <p>The Community Garden was a great success again this year. All in-ground plots were rented this season, with 3 raised beds used as community beds this season. The Garden Committee agreed that a shade sail and picnic tables would be a good addition in the garden, they were installed this summer and are appreciated by the garden members. A hose dolly was purchased and positioned halfway into the garden assisting garden members at the rear, to more easily access water. Signage identifying private and community plots was installed, also receiving favorable feedback. The Community Garden's Coordinator's presence in the garden allowed for increased public contact and communication. She also partnered with other programs and grew a salsa garden/salsa workshop, doing a great job at the garden as well as with planning workshops, etc. Finally, a mini library was provided by the Rotary Club which was well utilized.</p> <p>Active Living</p> <p>The summer active living facilitator visited all Town owned parks and playgrounds over the summer months assessing each for accessibility and providing recommendations to enhance their use by those with physical challenges. He identified issues in many parks/fields. The facilitator also initiated 3 popup public information events on trails providing information related to Active Transportation, trail etiquette and other related information. This also supported the initiatives of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer and provided pet owners with give-away items such as of cat feed lids and fire hydrant poop bag holders.</p> <p>The results of those sessions are as follows:</p> <p>Riverfront Gazebo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pet Owners: 9 Walkers: 75 Cyclists: 20 Mobility aid: 1 <p>Gunningsville Blvd.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pet owners: 1 Walkers: 5 Cyclists: 25 <p><i>Some walkers/cyclists expressed a desire for shaded areas on Blvd. at half way point.</i></p> <p>Mill Creek Nature Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pet owners: 9 Walkers: 10 Cyclists: 4 <p>The Town was also part of the Positive Ticketing initiative this summer in partnership with the RCMP, with 342 Positive Tickets handed out/returned. The Active living facilitator was present</p>

	<p>at all of the block parties and had the community tree asking the question, <i>“Who has/hasn’t considered biking to work instead of driving”</i>. For those who had considered it he asked, <i>“What was stopping them from doing it (barriers)”</i>. The majority of people reference the rising costs of safe and dependable bicycles and lack of more affordable options. He also asked, <i>“What activities do you enjoy doing in a group setting?”</i> The top three answers were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. biking, swimming (tied), 2. walking, 3. and finally, bowling. <p>Other answers included: basketball, yoga, hiking/camping, gym, dance, soccer, and meditation. Other unique answers included softball, Guides/Scouts, volleyball, tag, pickle ball, geocaching and Zumba. Water bottles were the giveaway to visitors to his booth.</p>
Smart and Sustainable Growth	Nothing to report at this time.
Fiscal Responsibility and Service Excellence	<p>Youth</p> <p>Currently a 3rd party review is being conducted by Bluemind Lifestyle Consulting to evaluate the current structure and service delivery model of the Parks, Recreation and Community Relations Department’s youth programs, services and facilities and to recommend improvements, innovations and strategies for future implementation. The final report will acknowledge the capacity and value for delivering of youth recreation that currently exists in Riverview, recommending initiatives and innovations that are working successfully are improved and extended, programs and approaches that are assessed as not effective are discontinued, and new and/or additional priorities are clearly defined.</p> <p>The final report will align with the vision and strategic priorities defined in the Town’s Strategic and Sustainability Plans, Municipal Development Plan 2012, New Brunswick’s Recreation and Sport Policy Framework, and A Framework for Recreation in Canada 2015.</p>

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

Staff Development

The Community Recreation Worker-Youth and the Summer Community Events and Junior Leader Team attended Food Safety Training and High Five Training.

Skate park staff attended First Aid training.

The Director and other staff participated in the Ally training offered by the Town through Ensemble Moncton on August 22nd.

The Aquatic Coordinator participated in a webinar on Disability Leadership in Atlantic Canada on June 18th. The session was hosted by Mount Allison University & the Council of Canadians with Disabilities.

The session focused on the results of a 2-year study and a critical analysis of the research and reflections on disability leadership. It explored management challenges, skill transference and managing diverse communities.

June 10-12, the Aquatic Coordinator participated in WorksafeNB’s Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee training. The training is designed for all members of committees and provides valuable tools and case studies to ensure a successful committee.

PCMAC

The Pat Crossman Memorial Aquatic Centre was closed from August 31st to September 20th for annual preventative maintenance. Maintenance includes deep cleaning and repairs that would not be possible with traffic through the facility.