

Town of Riverview
PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY
RELATIONS DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT



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Month & Year: June 2022

Section 1: Operational Dashboard

| Metric | Current Period | Previous Period | Annual Result | Trend |
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| TOTAL # of children helped (P.R.O Kids + Jumpstart): | Spring 2022: 25 | Winter 2022: 83 | 2022 total: 108 | 2021 Total: 284 2020 Total: 283 2019 Total: 540 2018 total: 545 |
| Previous year | Spring 2021: 39 | Winter 2021: 77 | | |
| 60 + Registration | Spring 2022: 75 Spring 2021: 56 | Winter 2022: 72 Winter 2021: (monthly due to Covid-19) January 2021: 42 February 2021: 46 March 2021: 49 | 2022 YTD: 147 | Total 2021: 294 Total 2020: 473 Total 2019: 792 Total 2018: 866 |
| Adult Fitness & Wellness Classes | Spring 2022: 94 Spring 2021: 42 | Winter 2022: 64 Winter 2021: (monthly due to Covid-19) January 2021: 48 February 2021: 39 March 2021: 40 | 2022 YTD: 158 | Total 2021: 254 Total 2020: 391 Total 2019: 321 Total 2018: 441 |
| Children's Programs | Spring 2022: 53 Spring 2021: 61 | Winter 2022- 0 (cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions for children under 12) Winter 2021- 0 | 2022 YTD: 53 | Total 2021: 102 Total 2020: 69 Total 2019: 809 Total 2018: 714 |

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| Aquatic Activities | Swim Lessons Spring 2022: 537 (96% fill rate) Spring 2021: 361 | Swim Lessons Winter 2022: 376 (67% fill rate) Winter 2021: 252 | 2022 YTD: 1,165 | Total 2021: 2,069 Total 2020: 1,298 Total 2019: 2,599 Total 2018: 2,282 |
| Skate Park Participants & Revenue | May: 194 (74R, 120NR) | April: 331 | 2022 YTD: 1,991 | Total 2021: 2,795 Total 2020: 2,478 Total 2019: 2,754 Total 2018: 2,719 |

Section 2: Status of Department's Operational Priorities for 2022

| Priority | Status |
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| A safe and welcoming community | <p>RIVERVIEW P.R.O. KIDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families may begin applying for assistance for fall programs starting on July 1. The deadline to apply is August 31. <p>OUTDOOR SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tiny Adventurers/Outdoor Adventurers- Park leaders will provide outdoor, educational, themed programming for ages 3-5 and 6-12 respectively on alternating weeks starting on June 23. Both programs are currently full with a total of 50 children. Mill Creek Nature Park Challenges- From June 30-August 4, a weekly challenge will be issued to the public to visit the park and locate each of the new nature panel interpretative signs developed by Friends of Mill Creek. The public can enter the challenge by reading the panel, scanning a temporary posted QR code with a smart phone, and answering the nature-based question for a chance to win outdoor recreation prizes. Bike Rodeo- Children ages 5-12 are invited to attend the 2nd annual bike rodeo taking place on Saturday, July 16 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Byron Dobson Arena. Bring your bike and helmet to learn about hand signals, driving in the dark, trail etiquette and more. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meteor Shower Party- The public is invited to the lookout area in Mill Creek Nature Park on Thursday, August 11 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. to check out the free natural fireworks display overhead. August 11/12 is the peak of the perseids meteor shower. • S'mores, Allies and Fireflies- We are partnering with River of Pride to offer an all-ages event during Greater Moncton's Pride Festival at the lookout in Mill Creek Nature Park on Tuesday, August 23 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. • Mill Creek Trail Miners- This adult program kicked off on May 31 with 21 people in attendance. The group will continue to meet throughout the summer on Tuesday evenings in Mill Creek Nature Park to continue building a section of sustainable, single-track trail linking the lookout to the upper bridge. • Parks for All- Folks with mobility and cognitive challenges can experience Mill Creek Nature Park this summer on Thursdays by taking a ride on an electric golf cart with a park leader. A support person is welcome to accompany the explorer to aid with daily living activities, transfers, mobility and emotional support. Pre-registration is required. • Equipment Loan- New items have been added to the inventory for the summer, including 2 baby/toddler backpacks. The 3-month membership fee to loan items is \$20 + tax, which includes delivery and pick up to the residents' doors. 13 memberships have been purchased, impacting a total of 31 residents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Week 1: 12 items borrowed ○ Week 2: 12 items borrowed <p>WOMEN IN NATURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On June 8, in partnership with Exploring Nature's Bounty, we co-hosted a walk and talk in Mill Creek Nature Park to discover various flora and fauna. 18 people who identified as women were in attendance, including representatives from Council. <p>NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By working in collaboration with Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers, Cultural Advisors and West Riverview Elementary School/Riverview High School staff, the Town will permanently display the Mi'kmaq Grand Council Flag at Riverview Town Hall on June 21 to mark National Indigenous Peoples Day. The flag raising ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. <p>ADULT AND 60+ FITNESS/WEELLNESS PROGRAMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration opened on June 2. Programs begin the week of July 4. <p>COMMUNITY EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Block Parties- There are 2 block parties planned for this summer. The first one will be on Tuesday, July 19 (Rain date Thursday, July 21) for Wards 3&4- at Goldsboro Park. The second being on Tuesday, August 16 (Rain date August 18) for Wards 1 & 2 at Hawthorne. A site plan will be shared once it is completed. • Live Music Concerts- Returns to Caseley Park on Wednesdays, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., from July 6 to Aug 24. Rain location: Riverview Community Hall. There is a variety of artists lined up and the complete lineup will be shared once the final concert is confirmed. |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor Information Centre- The Tourism Planner student is based this season out of the Riverview Community Hall and is working on tourism-on-the-go plans as part of this summer's strategy. A tourism survey went out and the results are compiled in addition to reviewing other plans for the region and what we can do to engage both visitors and locals. Contact can be made by calling a dedicated line: 874-1560. <p>SUNFEST/CANADA DAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A variety of events are planned with something for everyone to enjoy. Mailer cards were sent out and are available online at riverviewsunfest.ca for more details. Canada Day festivities will be held at Caseley Park this year except for the tri-community fireworks. <p>JUNIOR LEADERSHIP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for this summer is well underway and interviews are currently taking place. Their training week begins June 27. <p>YOUTH WEEK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Appreciation awards- May 3. Every year the Town of Riverview, Riverview High School and the Optimist Club partner to celebrate the contributions and achievements of eight RHS Grade 12 Students. There are four categories for the awards including: Academic, Athletic, Arts and Community Service. The Optimist Club presented each student with a \$100 bursary for their outstanding contributions to their schools and community. • IDEA Centre Youth Pop-up Market– May 4. A Youth week event in collaboration with IDEA Centre Moncton hosted a Youth Pop-up Market to promote and celebrate Youth led business in our communities. 13 Youth entrepreneurs and business owners, 300 members of the public attended. <p>PARKS AND RECREATION YOUTH DROP IN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 11 (6:00-8:00 p.m.) – Open Badminton – Single and Doubles games of Badminton. 5 youth attended • May 18 – (6:00-8:00 p.m.) – Basketball and Board games. 6 Youth attended • May 26 – (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.) GAGA Ball, board games. 7 Youth attended <p>RIVERVIEW YOUTH NETWORK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has been a challenge to try and get our subcommittee together. Several general meetings seem to have only about ¼ of the total youth network partners, causing next steps to be slow. We may need to re-evaluate the day/time that we meet and see if there is a better option or possibly a virtual meeting if it would allow more members to be present and contribute. <p>SKATEPARK AND YOUTH CENTRE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May started with National Youth week running May 1-7. The skatepark/Youth centre kicked off the week with a Disco Glow Skate event leading into the other planned town events. There was a great mix of approx. 40 regular users and first timers. |
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- **Skatepark Garden 2022-** This year's skatepark garden will be stocked with the aid of one of our skatepark parent's (Amber Geddes) who loves to garden. When she heard about the facilities public garden at the park, she immediately offered up help stocking and taking care of what we choose to grow. Staff began working on the garden the last week of the month pulling all weeds, relocating some hostas, as well as turning all the existing dirt before we add fresh soil. This year the pre-existing base is very clay based so we are hoping the parks crews may be able to replace some of it for us before growing.

SUSTAINABILITY MICROGRANT

- In celebration of "Year of the Garden", A \$2,500 grant was awarded to Pamela O'Brien and Karen Rogers, local Butterflyway Rangers, trained through "The Butterflyway Project", a David Suzuki Foundation initiative. Their project will create pollinator habitats in the following Riverview locations: Greenpark Meadow (located at the corner of Greenpark Drive), Claude D. Taylor School, West Riverview School and Riverview High School. These gardens create corridors to support diverse species of pollinators and birds using native plants. Their project will engage seniors and youth in the creation of these gardens. This engagement will include presentations, seed sowing, collection and sharing, raising of Monarch butterflies, and citizen scientist activities such as a Bioblitz. They plan to educate citizens on the importance of planting native species, provide pollinator-friendly gardening, practice tips, and promote the elimination of pesticides and herbicides in our community. Public signage will also raise the profile of pollinators and assist in educational efforts that encourage further action.

Active Transportation

- Our Community Engagement Worker – Sustainability, will be launching an Active Transportation promotion this summer, and will be found at community events throughout the summer engaging with the community on ways to cut our CO emissions by sharing how easily residents can take advantage of our active transportation system to quickly and safely move about the town, keeping themselves physically active as well as engaging in a sustainable way to travel.

Coverdale Community Garden

- **A Gardening Workshop Series** is currently underway, with a new topic to register for each month. The May workshop was "Bed Preparation and Transplanting", while this month will host a seeding workshop. July's workshop will demonstrate pruning and fertilizing, and August highlights seed saving. The final workshop of the season will be on canning.
- Soil Test Results for the community garden showed only trace levels of nitrogen, therefore, soil was treated to help address this. The addition of the soil acidifier will help slowly lower the pH of the soil over time, making more nutrients available to the plants. It was also advised to plant nitrogen-fixing crops (such as peas and beans). Compost will be added in the fall which will also greatly help. All soil correction is offered to all gardeners at no expense to them, and is carried out by Town staff, but they can always opt out of any of the recommendations made by Town staff.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The decision was also made to delay tilling until closer to planting season in order to prevent soil compaction. Those wanting to plant sooner were encouraged to cultivate their plot by hand, and Town staff offered to assist those needing help cultivating their soil, and would even take care of it for them if it was a hardship or inconvenient for them for gardeners to come and do it themselves. Gardeners were extremely pleased to be able to <i>access their garden plots early this year</i>, as in previous years, the garden would be open on June 1, this year, Town staff made the garden available to gardeners to come and tend to their plots starting on May 3. <p>AQUATICS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Aquafit! - New this year Aquafit will be taking place throughout the summer with 2 mornings at the indoor pool and 2 mornings at the outdoor pool. Doc Brace's will be sponsoring free Friday Swims over the Summer from July 1 to September 2. SUNFEST Shark Swim- Will be on Tuesday, June 28, 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Lion Ken Gabbey Community Pool. Lion Ken Gabbey Community Pool - Tentatively open the Week of June 19 (pending repairs) and closing on September 5 Fall Swimming Registration will be on August 25. <p>PCM Aquatic Centre will be CLOSED Aug 27th until September 12th for our Annual Maintenance.</p> |
| Planning for the future | <p>MILL CREEK NATURE PARK MASTER PLAN</p> <p>Public consultation is underway with feedback coming from in person interviews in the park and workshops targeting specific user groups. The Big Idea Open House, open to the general public, will take place on Wednesday, June 29 from 3-8 p.m. in Council Chambers.</p> <p>SKATEPARK</p> <p>The new schedule for the skatepark staff begins on June 25, their first day of summer hours.</p> |
| Smart and sustainable growth | |
| Fiscal responsibility and service excellence | <p>SKATEPARK/YOUTH CENTRE</p> <p>May was the first full month of the new pricing layout. For the most part it seems customers are comfortable with the observer/youth centre fee increase as well as the punch pass and membership options. We have had a bit of feedback coming back that the increase of 18+ fee was a notable increase but it is still a little too early to tell if that has affected our numbers as we are also entering a busy time of year during the end of the school season when visits to the park tend to slow down</p> <p>AQUATICS</p> <p>There will be an increase in general admission of Adults and Seniors by 25¢ effective July 1 for the indoor and outdoor pool.</p> |

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

- **AMANB Conference (Association of Municipal Administrators of New Brunswick)-** Staff are hosting 13 conference delegates on Thursday, June 16 in Mill Creek Nature Park in partnership with Exploring Nature's Bounty. Participants will be taken on a guided walk to the lookout to learn about the park history, flora and fauna, outdoor recreation programming ideas, park infrastructure and key community partnerships that are shaping the development and use of the park.

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