

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



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Section 1: Operational Dashboard

Metric	Current Period	Previous Period	Annual Result	Trend
TOTAL # of children helped (P.R.O. Kids + Jumpstart: Total placements from previous year:	Winter 2026: 98 Winter 2025: 83	Fall 2025: 111 Fall 2024: 81	2026 total: 98	2025 Total: 340 2024 Total: 261 2023 Total: 233
60 + Adult Fitness, Wellness Classes and Mystery Tour	Winter 2026: 229 Winter 2025: 209	Fall 2025: 198 Fall 2024: 187	2026 YTD: 229	Total 2025: 489 Total 2024: 621 Total 2023: 436
Adult Fitness, Wellness & Outdoor Classes	Winter 2026: 48 Winter 2025: 92	Fall 2025: 175 Fall 2024: 38	2026 YTD: 48	Total 2025: 203 Total 2024: 348 Total 2023: 244
Children's Dance Programs	Winter 2026: 30 Winter 2025: 35	Fall 2025: 32 Fall 2024: 38	2026 YTD: 30	Total 2025: 74 Total 2024: 89 Total 2023: 145
Aquatic Activities	Winter 2026: 812	Winter 2025: 714 Winter 2024: 616	2026 YTD: 812	Total 2025: 3,466 Total 2024: 2,982 Total 2023: 2,592
Skate Park Participants & Revenue	January: 822 (288R, 534NR)	Nov: 471 (260R, 211NR) Dec: 575 (241R, 334NR)	2026 YTD: 822	2025 Total: 5,005 2024 Total: 3,480 2023: Total 3,729

Section 2: Status of Department’s Operational Priorities for 2026

Priority	Status
<p>A Safe and Inclusive Community</p>	<p>60+ PROGRAMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Card Party & Community Drop-In: Attendance remained steady in January with 18 participants on both January 15 and 29; 14 participants attended on February 12. • Tech Thursday: The RHS student volunteer program resumed, supporting older adults with technology use. Attendance ranged from 2 to 3 participants per session in January and February. • Riverview Seniors Club: On January 19, staff presented information on Parks programming, festivals, and upcoming events. <p>TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ignite: Students and staff from RHS’ Peace and Friendship group supported the event by providing complimentary lusknikn, also known as bannock, to attendees. <p>ALL AGES PROGRAMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday Walkers: This weekly walking social club continues to engage approximately 180 subscribers on its reminder list. Indoor walking sessions are ongoing at 145A Lakeside Drive, Riverview Community Hall. • R in R: Weekend programming at Mill Creek resumed with support from two RHS student staff. Five participants attended on January 17; the January 24 session was cancelled due to extreme cold weather. <p>RIVERVIEW WINTER CARNIVAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 51st Riverview Winter Carnival was held from January 30 to February 8. The ten day festival welcomed thousands of attendees and was supported by hundreds of volunteers, more than 30 community organizations, and 27 local businesses. The event delivered a wide range of activities for all ages, contributing to community pride and engagement. A detailed summary of outcomes and feedback will be provided in next month’s report. • Mayor’s Luncheon - Homestead prepared the meal for this year’s luncheon. The event was supported by staff, Youth Collective volunteers, the Mayor, and Council, who assisted with planning, registration, event setup, guest services, meal service, and cleanup. Special recognition is extended to all volunteers, including those who supported teardown and dishwashing operations. Their collective efforts contributed to the event’s success. <p>NEW YEAR’S LEVEE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mayor’s New Year’s Levee was held at Town Hall on January 1 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. The Town partnered with Bethel Church volunteers to provide refreshments, with entertainment by Dorothy Brzezcki. The Mayor, Council, and provincial dignitaries welcomed residents and reflected on highlights from 2025 across municipal, public, and private sectors. Remarks also included a look ahead to 2026, including progress on the Riverview Recreation Complex. Following formal remarks, attendees gathered in the lobby for refreshments and a year in review slideshow prepared by the Communications team. The event featured a green and gold theme.

ART PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE

- The committee met to review a request from the Riverview Art Council related to its 50th anniversary. Discussions included committee composition, meeting frequency, and potential initiatives for the year. Final plans are pending.

SKATEPARK AND YOUTH CENTRE

- January focused on preparations for the 2026 Frozen Open, held January 31. Staff also welcomed a notable increase in new skateboarders and families, along with growing participation in the Sound Lab, highlighting the facility's strong community impact.
- Required ramp repairs and maintenance were completed to ensure safe operations.
- Debit payment was introduced at the canteen through ActiveNet, replacing the previous cash only system. A \$5 minimum purchase applies, and transactions are processed at the front desk with daily reconciliation tracking. The transition has been smooth and well received.
- Canteen pricing adjustments were implemented for beverages, chocolate bars, XL bars, and candy.

SOUND LAB

- Monthly programming resumed in January with a Stage Presence workshop held on January 22 in preparation for the February Battle of the Bands. Eight youth attended. Additional sessions are scheduled for February 26 and March 12, with topics to be confirmed. Staff are gathering youth feedback to guide future programming.

2026 FROZEN OPEN

- Pre event promotion included a creative sponsor recognition campaign that generated significant online engagement, exceeding 60,000 interactions to date, with further growth anticipated.
- The 2026 Frozen Open was highly successful, featuring a \$5,650 cash prize pool, strong sponsor support, 37 competitors from across Atlantic Canada, and more than 100 spectators. The event generated record canteen sales of over \$420 in five hours.
- Division winners included:
 - Beginner: Aaron Savie Nish
 - OG: David Robichaud
 - Intermediate: Ian Tingley
 - Advanced: Dylan Noel
- Major cash contributors included Nauss Homes, Maritime Fireworks, Kwongs, the Town of Riverview, Jeremy Spencer Realty, White Birch Subdivisions, Peak Fitness, and Surface Skateshop. Additional prizes were provided by community sponsors and partners.

RIVERVIEW YOUTH COLLECTIVE COMMITTEE

- January focused on Winter Carnival preparation, with members supporting IGNITE, the Mayor's Luncheon, and GLOW Skate.
- Six members operated a hot chocolate station at IGNITE, serving more than 400 cups.
- Youth Collective members assisted with meal service, guest support, and cleanup at the Mayor's Luncheon for approximately 300 attendees.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six members also supported GLOW Skate through event setup, line management, and guest engagement. Exam scheduling adjustments were accommodated through alternate meeting space provided by Riverview High School. <p>PARKS AND RECREATION YOUTH DROP-IN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 40 youth participated in January drop in programming, engaging in crafts, sports, and recreational activities. BINGO had the highest attendance. Programming on January 30 was cancelled due to IGNITE. Planning is underway with the library to launch a book club. <p>AQUATIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration was held on January 10. Compared to 2025, enrollment increased by 100 new swimmers. More than 250 courses are being offered this session.
<p>Building a Sustainable Community</p>	<p>SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Engagement Worker, Sustainability delivered several well attended workshops in January. • A free Winter Tool Maintenance workshop was held January 18 in partnership with the Riverview Lion’s Club Green Committee, with six participants. • A plant propagation workshop took place January 14 at the Moncton Library, with 12 participants. • The January 21 Food Security Workshop at Riverview High School focused on canning and reached full capacity, with a waiting list. • The January 28 Canning Club session at the Coverdale Centre was also fully subscribed. <p>SEED LIBRARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Seed Library is now open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. In January, 27 individuals borrowed seeds and 56 new seed varieties were added to inventory. <p>HOT CHOCOLATE EXPRESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions during Ignite, complimentary transportation was provided via a rented school bus. Two trips were completed, transporting a total of 51 attendees to and from Winter Wonderland Park. <p>SUMMER STUDENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment promotion efforts were increased in response to lower application numbers compared to the previous year. <p>FRIENDS OF MILL CREEK COMMITTEE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee celebrated its 10-year anniversary, recognizing key accomplishments since 2013, including over 20 kilometres of trail development, new bridges, washrooms, interpretive signage, seating installations, and the creation of an activity site with firepit and shelter. • Daniel DeLong was reappointed as Committee Chair by majority vote and 7 new members were added in 2025-2026. • New park entry signage for Hillsborough Road has been installed, with signage for Gunningsville Boulevard to be installed in the spring. The dam structural assessment report is expected in early 2026, with further review and consultation planned regarding repair, removal, or modification options.

	<p>CLIMATE CHANGE RISK ASSESSMENT (GNB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Province of New Brunswick has completed a Climate Change Risk Assessment identifying increasing climate hazards through the 2050s and 2080s, with more risks projected to shift into severe and critical categories over time. • Key municipal risk drivers for the 2050s include inland flooding, coastal flooding and erosion, and wildfire; by the 2080s, extreme heat and warming seasonal temperatures are expected to become additional significant factors. • Implications for municipalities include increased pressure on core infrastructure, greater risk of service disruption, rising emergency management demands, and potential economic impacts to climate sensitive sectors. • The assessment underscores the importance of integrating climate considerations into asset management, capital planning, emergency preparedness, and land use decision making. Staff will continue to monitor provincial guidance and incorporate climate related risk considerations into ongoing planning processes as appropriate.
<p>Thriving Community</p>	<p>BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town supported promotion and awareness initiatives for local businesses throughout January. The Homestead marked its 35th anniversary, with related promotions shared on the Town’s Facebook page generating approximately 76,000 views. • During Winter Carnival, 27 local businesses offered specials that were promoted through festival channels. Nine businesses participated in National Hot Chocolate Day on January 31 by distributing hot chocolate. Winter Carnival business listings received 657 views on Driftscape. Local entrepreneur Cameron Day of Day Socials was contracted to produce a promotional video to increase awareness of Driftscape. Inglis Jewelers and Rehab 1 returned as sponsors for Ignite. Kent supported Ignite by permitting event parking in their lot for fireworks attendees. <p>COMMUNICATION WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Engagement Worker, Business met with 11 local business owners during January to strengthen relationships and provide support.
<p>Facilities and Operations</p>	<p>DAM SAFETY AND FUTURE PLANNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2025, the Town retained an engineering consultant to complete a comprehensive Dam Safety Review of the Mill Creek Dam, including site inspections, underwater assessment, dam classification, and evaluation of structural and hydraulic performance. A formal report will identify deficiencies, outline remedial actions, and provide preliminary refurbishment concepts and cost estimates. • In 2026, staff will advance Phase 2 planning to evaluate long term options for the dam, including refurbishment, replacement, or decommissioning. This work will include conceptual designs, environmental and regulatory review, and cost estimates for each option. • A consolidated report summarizing design alternatives, regulatory considerations, and comparative costs will be prepared to support Council’s future decision making. Additional information, outcomes, and recommendations will be presented to Council at a later date. <p>WILDFIRE RISK AND FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANNING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2025, the Town retained a consultant to develop a Wildfire Risk and Forest Management Plan for Mill Creek Nature Park. This work includes a wildfire hazard assessment, GIS

	<p>mapping of risk zones and priority treatment areas, and a high level summary of forest conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultant will provide fuel management recommendations, review fire suppression access, and identify priority treatment areas with general cost estimates. A staff workshop and monitoring checklist will support internal capacity building and annual risk tracking. • A final report and implementation roadmap will outline findings, recommended actions, phasing priorities, and potential funding opportunities. Further updates will be provided to Council as implementation planning advances. <p>RIVERVIEW RECREATION COMPLEX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction remains in the active build phase, with work progressing across the pool, fieldhouse, fitness, and administration areas. Over the past three months, major activities have included pool slab pours and rework, roofing assembly at the pool, masonry and exterior wall framing, installation of mechanical and electrical systems, elevator shaft installation, and continued interior framing and insulation. <p>PARKS/FACILITIES OPERATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January focused on winter operations and event support. Staff maintained walking trails, including MCNP, the Riverfront Trail, both boulevards, and Pine Glen Road, while also keeping park parking lots clear and salted. Teams supported Winter Carnival preparations by building up ice surfaces, including additional flooding and clearing of the oval to ensure optimal skating conditions for Ignite. • The U3 team provided key operational support for the Timbit Jamboree and the Riverview Minor Hockey Classic. The U1 team completed maintenance on summer equipment to ensure readiness for the upcoming spring and summer season. • Key equipment and infrastructure updates progressed during the month, including pricing and ordering of a new tractor and F series mower, receiving quotes for a new half ton and one ton fleet vehicle, installation of a new outdoor washroom to replace a vandalized unit, completion of new signage at the bridge, and construction of a new woodshed at the lookout. • Facilities Management completed quarterly preventive maintenance on the Town Hall elevator and HVAC systems, as well as annual security alarm inspections. A total of 27 Access11 building repair and maintenance work orders were opened and addressed during January.
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UPCOMING EVENTS/FESTIVALS:

- Trail Town Workshop: February 18
- Arena Project Engagement: February 19
- Spring Registration: March 19
- MapleFest: March 27-29