



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa  
Staff Monthly Report**

**Office of Community Services and Tourism**

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**Preamble**

This report details the activities of the Department of Community Services and Tourism in the month of May 2021.


**General**

The MMCC continues to operate the community's vaccination centre, and with some expansion to the service in May to 2 days per week we balanced the additional workload with the reopening of parks and outdoor amenities to prepare all assets for June, when we expect both residents and visitors alike to increase usage to these areas. In the office, the main focus has been bringing as many online and distanced opportunities to the community as possible while we await more information on reopening and what the stages will do to our summer programs.

**Capital Projects**

**Beginning of Capital Projects**

In May, staff completed some of the smaller department capital projects, including the purchase of a mower for the parks that came in slightly under budget. Staff also finalized details for the lighting installation in the MMCC's Arena and Curling rinks, and are working with a donor on recognition for their contributions. Staff continue to collect quotes for larger projects, which will be presented to Council as separate recommendations. These include the MMCC Flooring as well as Scenic High Falls.

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**MMCC****MMCC Closure – Stages**

Staff of the MMCC have reviewed the staged reopening process and have determined that the MMCC is only able to reopen as a recreation facility in Stage 3. Staff are also seeking clarification from APH regarding the definition and specifics of Day Camps, as there is a possibility of a limited reopening in Stage 2. APH has been very helpful in providing additional information, however the volume of changes will require a new reopening plan, which staff will work on with user groups during the summer months to be prepared for the normal operating season in the fall. Until such time as we can review and recommend a reopening to Council, the facility will remain closed as we prioritize serving the vaccination clinic for the community.

**Arena and Curling**

**Nothing to Report.**

**Parks and Trails****Parks & Outdoor Amenity Reopening 2021**

With the province allowing outdoor amenities to reopen late May, staff worked to open washrooms and other outdoor areas before the planned June 2<sup>nd</sup> lifting of restrictions. While we were not able to reopen all amenities for the reopening date, we were able to fix the issues we encountered in a timely manner and all amenities were open before the end of the month. As the weather warms, the dock and beaches are ready for use by residents, as we move into regular maintenance of these facilities.

We have modified our staff schedule to include students on weekends, which improves our levels of service and ensures that all outdoor amenities are being sanitized above the current guidance from APH. This will continue throughout the summer as student Tourism Ambassadors increase our capacity and prioritize areas of high traffic for visitors and residents alike. This is one way we are working to keep our community healthy, safe, and active during the summer months.

**Marina Project – Fish Cleaning Hut**

During May, and before the reopening, staff worked to renovate the fish cleaning hut at the Marina. As part of our commitment for incremental improvements to repair and revitalize the facility, staff were able to give the facility a much needed facelift while the facility was closed.



Staff also arranged for the delivery and installation of the sea can washroom facility at the marina in time for the reopening. This was plumbed into the existing utilities, which will be a cost savings for pumping and in staff time for monitoring and arranging service. The washrooms will remain until the end of the season and can be removed in case of flooding. Staff will continue to make small improvements and repairs during the year.

## Community Events and Recreation

### April Recreation Programs

Our online classes have continued to be very successful throughout the month of May. With the extension of the Stay-At Home order and the eventual move into Phase 1, (that limits class sizes and is also required to be outdoor only) we will continue to offer online classes through to the end of June.

Attendance for the month is as follows:

- Active Fit/Pilates – 17 registered participants, with class attendance averaging 12
- Functional Fit – 10 Registered Participants, with class attendance averaging 7

Senior Social continues online on Friday afternoons at 1:30 pm. In May we offered:

- Urban Poling
- Guest presenter Isabeau Allard, North Algoma Literacy Coalition
- Guest presenters Maggie Muck and Joleine Kasper, graduate students at Ryerson University (interns at the WFHT) – Wawa Food Strategy Committee

Planning is underway for the Socials in June.

### Summer Recreation Program Planning

The Department continues working with the Wawa Food Strategy Committee and the Community Garden, with partnerships and programming in mind.

The Community Better Challenge (Participaction's 50th year) will be held June 1-30. It is a collaboration with the WFHT, APH, Superior Children's Centre and the Municipality. Some exciting events and programs are being held in June – See advertising package included in **Appendix A**

Planning is underway for limited summer programming. With COVID restrictions being in place, careful consideration is being put into what can be offered safely. Morning Yoga on the Beach, as well as stand-up paddle boarding are some adult programs being considered. As the traditional time for Timbits soccer and baseball is to start in May, the program is delayed, and will be offered in a different capacity starting in July at Phase 2. The programming be limited to smaller cohorts, and the plan is to encompass a variety of sports activities and programs for youth. APH is being consulted on all proposed activities and events.

The Department also continues to work with the Goose Nest Committee, with hopes to run events/activities alongside the Goose Nests in the summer of 2021 (when permitted). A registration night at the Goose Nest for fall recreation programs and organizations is booked for Wednesday, August 25.

**Canada Day Event Planning**

Large Canada Day events this year will not be permitted under Provincial Government Regulations, but planning is underway to have activities that can be done at home and to show Canadian pride. A Goose Nest Market will be held on July 1st with limited capacities, and no in-person events held in conjunction.

**Tourism****Tourism Activities Summer 2021**

Staff are planning and implementing several changes to our tourism activities for the summer. These are detailed in a presentation to Council, however a summary of these activities is included in this report as much of the planning occurred in May:

- Tourism Ambassador Program
  - This program replaces services at the TIC in a safe manner
  - This bolsters department capacity at tourism locations across town
  - Information will be gathered for future tourism planning
- Tourism Funding Applications
  - Staff are recommending pursuing funding for recovery planning
  - This will take the form of a 5-year tourism plan
  - A project brief was developed for Council approval.

**Other Projects**

**Nothing to Report.**

**Funding and Grants****MMCC Funding Application**

Staff reviewed the latest NOHFC Funding opportunities, and began working with an engineering team of our refrigeration/HVAC contractor to develop a proposal for the mechanical issues at the MMCC. This will form the backbone of a future funding application with the goal of September for application to the program. Other project components remain the same as last year's unsuccessful ICIP funding application.

## Next Month's Outlook

In June, staff continue to complete spring work plan tasks as well as plan for the core summer work of July and August. Highlights include:

### Operations

- Regular Maintenance
  - Begin grass cutting cycle
  - Operate and sanitize amenities
  - Onboard summer students
  - Finalize summer ice plant maintenance
- Projects
  - Complete corner flower box test project
  - Install docks at Lions Beach
  - Review and potentially install buoys along waterfront swimming beach
  - Purchased and install additional parks signage
  - Install volleyball net at Rose's Beach

### Recreation

- Programming
  - Implement Participation Month with planned activities
- Planning
  - Review regulation changes and modify summer program plans
  - Onboard recreation summer student

### Administration

- Tourism
  - Complete project brief for funding application
  - Complete Tourism Ambassador work plan and review with AKTA
  - Continue signage upgrade work
- Marina
  - Continue work on proposal to SCH with Committee
  - Take and book slips
- Capital Projects
  - Complete RFP's for large projects and recommend purchases to Council

## Attachments

**Appendix A – Participaction advertising package**

**End of Report.**