

Subject: Recreation, Culture & Wellness Covid 19 Update

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report #2020-142 Recreation, Culture and Wellness COVID-19 Update, for information.

Background:

This is an update report on RCW Facilities, Programs and upcoming events as of Monday September 28, 2020. Staff will also give a Covid 19 verbal update on Monday October 5 Council meeting. The EOC Committee has approved the programs and events outlined below. All rentals, programs and events are offered with the understanding cancellation is possible due to Covid 19 conditions.

MCC Facility Rentals

Ice Pads - Prime time on both ice pads are fully booked for the season. All main licensed user groups, Pelham Minor Hockey Association; Niagara Centre Skating Club; Jr. B Hockey Club; AAA Southern Tier Admirals, have started their season. Private rental groups have filled in whatever prime time ice was available. As the season continues, Pelham Minor Hockey will also be taking early weekday mornings for practices before school.

Beginning Monday September 28 the following programs began using daytime ice:

- Women's learn to play hockey
- Shinny
- Stick & Puck - variety of ages and time slots
- Adult Skate
- Adult & preschool skate

As of Sunday October 4th Public skating will be offered. Reservations to hold a spot by phone (905-732-7872) is available with limited spaces of 50 (see attached MCC Fall Schedule).

Gymnasiums – Pelham Basketball Association fall/winter season has begun. The association has booked all available prime time in both gyms except for Monday

and Friday evenings, leaving time for pickle ball.

Beginning Monday September 28 the following programs will be offered:

- Brock fit program – gymnasium 3 x a week during the day
- Pickle Ball – gymnasium during the day
- Chair Yoga – Accursi room once a week during the day
- Yogalates – Accursi room once a week in the evening
- Hatha Yoga – Accursi Room once a week.

Additional programs will be introduced over the next couple of months.

Accursi & Kinsmen rooms

Both rooms are being offered for rentals according to the new occupancy levels.

Walking Track is open for use 7 days a week from 7am – 10pm.

Old Pelham Town Hall

The EarlyOn program is expected to start up again in the near future. Private rentals will not be allowed at this time due to Covid 19 guidelines for non-supervised events.

Upcoming Community Events

Outdoor Christmas Market – Friday December 4th

As the anchor event of the Christmas in Pelham season, the Town annually delivers an Outdoor Christmas Market on the first Friday of December. This event is held at Pelham Town Square from 4pm to 9:30pm. Modeled on traditional European Christmas Markets, the market features local artisans and their seasonal offerings, alongside local businesses. The event provides Town residents with the opportunity to enjoy the spirit of the season while engaging in local shopping, visits with Santa and various other seasonal activities. With the impact of COVID-19 on the requirements for events, the annual Outdoor Christmas Market proposed to move forward, with physical distancing and limited entry to adhere to provincial regulations, similar conditions as the Pelham Farmers Market. A further report will be coming in the next couple of weeks.

Santa Claus Parade – Saturday December 12th

The Santa Claus Parade in Fenwick, is held on the second Saturday in December and is hosted by the Fenwick Lions Club with support from Town staff. Covid 19 restrictions, and limits of outdoor gatherings restrict the viability of a traditional parade. An alternate plan, "Reverse Parade" has been proposed, which instead follows the Drive In/Drive Thru event guidelines and doesn't have a limit on participants. How the reverse parade works is the parade floats that would

traditionally travel a route are instead stationary along a route. Spectators of the parade, instead of sitting and watching a parade go by, would drive through the stationary floats while remaining in their vehicle. Spectators remain in their enclosed vehicle for the duration of the event. This style of event has had success in other areas across Ontario and allows participants to enjoy elements of events from the safety of their vehicles. It's proposed this event will take place in Centennial Park. Staff are in discussions with Fenwick Lions to work towards the safe implement of a Reverse Parade.

Analysis:

All rentals, programs and events are offered under Provincial and Public Health Guidelines and are approved by our EOC Committee, recognizing guidelines could change, resulting in cancelation.

Financial Considerations:

Facility rentals and recreational programming result in much needed revenues to meet budget expectations.

Events will be offered and aligned with 2020 budget.

Alternatives Reviewed: Alternative would be not to offer programming or events.

Strategic Plan Relationship: Build Strong Communities and Cultural Assets

By opening our facilities and offering rentals; programming; and community events under approved guidelines it gives residents a sense of community pride and security.

Consultation: Province, Public Health, Festivals & Events Ontario and EOC Committee

Other Pertinent Reports/Attachments: MCC Fall Schedule

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