

Recreation, Culture and Wellness Quarterly Report
Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Reporting Period: Recreation, Culture and Wellness Quarterly Report for the period: April – June, 2024.

Recommendation:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Q2 – Report 2024 - 143 Recreation, Culture and Wellness Department Report be received for information.

Department Overview and Statistics:

Recreation, Culture, and Wellness seen their winter programming season come to an end once again in the beginning of April. This had staff busy removing the Accipiter ice once again in preparation for the Fonthill Kinsmen Home show, and Pelham Raiders lacrosse. Due to an unforeseen setback the Fonthill Kinsmen Home was cancelled with the failure of the Meridian Community Centre's transformer. The facility doors were only closed to public for a short period of time and ice programming cancellations was minimized to a one-day setback. All Town of Pelham staff united to keep the Meridian Community Centre operational through this obstacle. In April the Meridian Community Centre was also host to many other events such as Earth Day, Canadian Hockey Enterprises Niagara Cup Tournaments, Pelham Minor Hockey Awards ceremony, Niagara Modern Quilt Show and Pelham Basketball OBA Finals. In April of 2024 the Meridian Community Centre seen 42,040 visitors through the doors. This was slightly lower than April 2023's 44,185. One major contributing factor to the reduced numbers was due to the cancellation of the Fonthill Kinsmen Home Show which previously recorded just over 3,000 visitors in 2023. Outside of the Meridian Community Centre our Recreation, Culture, and Wellness staff were busy hosting the Town of Pelham's traditional Easter egg hunt. Once again Centennial Park was extremely busy with families and friends enjoying the festivities. During the month of April when weather permitted, staff were working tirelessly to get the baseball diamonds, soccer fields, batting cage, public washrooms, along with the tennis and pickleball courts ready for use by May.

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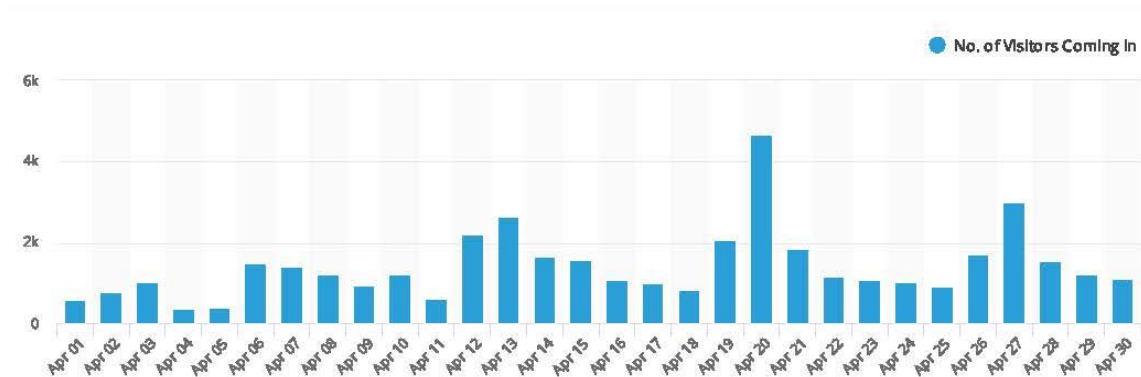
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No. of Visitors Coming In

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No. of Visitors Coming In by Day

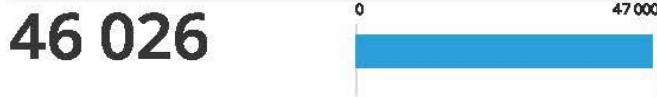


The month of May began on a musical note with the Meridian Community Centre hosting the District School Board of Niagara Musical Monday once again over seeing over 2,859 visitors to participate and view the show. On Mother’s Day weekend the Meridian Community Centre became the setting for many local artists to put their art on display. The Pelham Art Festival seen over 5,600 visitors and customers to make it yet again another successful show on the Accipiter pad. The Meridian Community Centre was a busy destination during the month of May seeing 46,026 visitors through the facility doors for an array sports, events, and programs. This was a 5% increase in visitors through the facility compared to last year our busiest May since opening. The Meridian Community Centre hosted many events such as, The Modern Day Quilt Guild, Royal Canadian Army Cadets, Pelham Art Festival, Myeloma Canada Ride for the Cure, along with our Spring/Summer programming and numerous ice rentals including PMHA, Southern Tier Admirals and Pelham Junior Panthers spring tryouts.

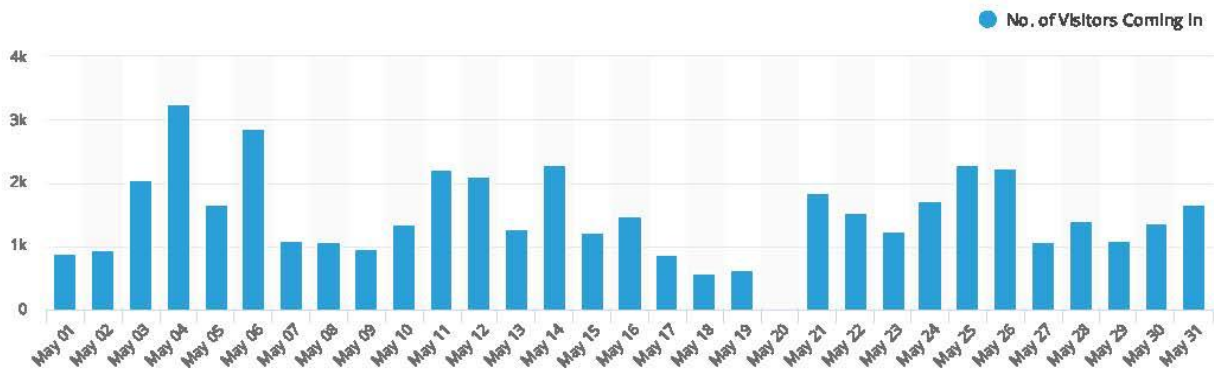
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No. of Visitors Coming In



No. of Visitors Coming In by Day



Outside from the Meridian Community Centre during the month of May, staff were preparing and maintaining our 7 baseball diamonds and 12 soccer fields that were readily used by Pelham Minor Baseball Association, Pelham Soccer Club along with slow-pitch leagues and other local organizations. All outdoor programming was now in full swing including our Tennis and outdoor Pickleball courts. By Victoria Day long weekend staff had both Splash Pads opened for public at Marlene Stewart Streit and Centennial Parks. Town of Pelham’s splash pads were on high demand from our residents and community to get out of the early heat we faced this spring. As we moved into the month of June all Town of Pelham facilities were open and operational. By the beginning of June, the Pelham pool was once again open to the Pelham residents and neighboring communities.



Inside the Meridian Community Centre during the month of June Town staff were busy with many large events, daily rentals, and our spring/summer programming. The Meridian Community Centre was host to the first Tails of the North Dog Rescue event along with Border Purrtrol Cat show, the Glynn. A. Green Graduation, along with a PD Day Camp and the Duliban Insurance Team Building event called Dulicon utilizing the entire facility. During the month June the Meridian Community Centre seen over 32,716 visitors throughout the facility. This was a 3% decrease from 33,925 in June of 2023, mainly due to E.L. Crossley and Notre Dame Graduations using another host venue. These two graduations bring over 2,000 visitors to our facility for their events.



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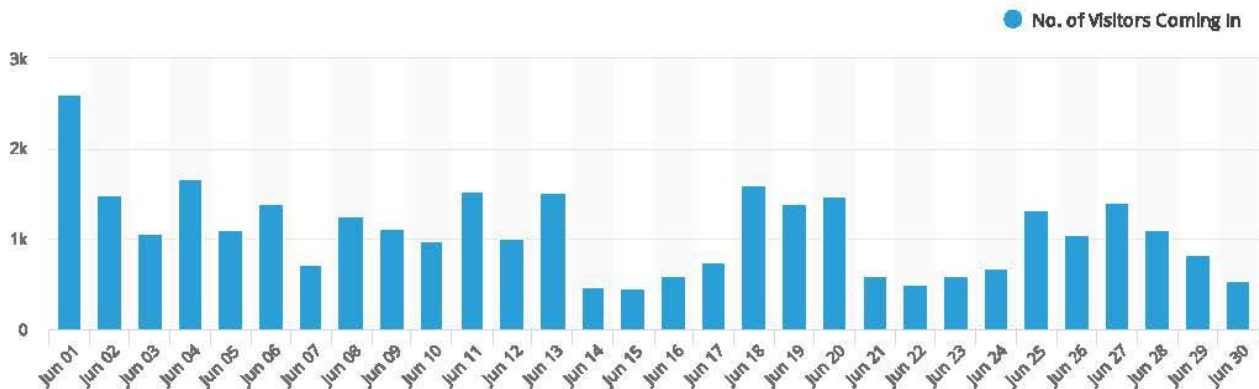
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No. of Visitors Coming In

32 716



No. of Visitors Coming In by Day



Recreation, Culture and Wellness staff continued the trend of happiness accepting new Town of Pelham capital assets. This came in the form of new lights on Centennial baseball diamond 3. Pelham Minor Baseball Association was also thrilled to have these lights on their most preferred diamond for additional games and playoff finals. With the new Capital asset at Centennial Park and over 120,782

visitors through the Meridian Community Centre doors, Recreation, Culture, and Wellness department were proud of the accomplishments for the second quarter of 2024



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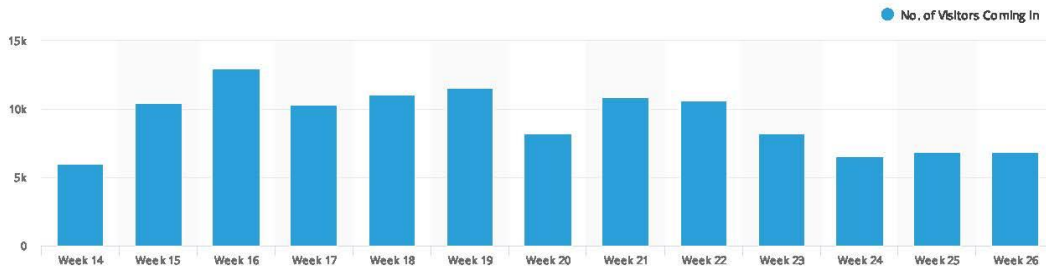
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No. of Visitors Coming In

120 782



No. of Visitors Coming In by Week



National Indigenous Peoples Day and Indigenous Vendors Market

On June 20th, as part of the Summer Chill series, the Town hosted an Indigenous Vendors Market to honour National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21st. The market was comprised of about 10+ vendor booths/tables where artists, artisans and businesses are featured so attendees can shop local and connect with Indigenous art and culture.



June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day

On June 21st, the Town of Pelham recognized and celebrated National Indigenous Peoples Day with a Flag Raising Ceremony at Town Hall where James Doxtador of the lower Cayuga bear clan from Six Nations spoke and provided valuable information for the community in attendance. A drumming workshop with Josephine Lavalley also took place in the Courtyard at the MCC. The celebration brought out many local families and residents to learn more about the culture and participate in drumming, singing and even some dancing led by local Indigenous youth.



Pelham Farmers Market

The 21st season of the Pelham Farmers' Market began May 2 and will run weekly until October 10th. Throughout the last 10 weeks, attendance at the market has been growing steadily as shown in the chart below.

Month	2024	2023	2022
May	140	150	154
June	237	297	332

The Farmers' Market began with 18 seasonal vendors plus a non-profit booth. There have been a couple additional weekly vendors added and the not-for-profit booth has been utilized on the weeks where there is no market programming. The Farmers' Market Committee has come up with some very creative programming this year. Wally the garden rock worm has been placed in the flowerbed where the Farmers market sign is located. The Committee is looking forward to seeing him grow through the season as children have been encouraged to paint rocks at home and bring them back to add onto Wally.

The Committee has created the following programming to help encourage participation within the market.

- **May 2** – Opening night – Burlap cutting ceremony.
- **May 9** – Mother's Day hand out
- **May 23** – The Market Bunch Kids Corner – decorate clay pots and planting seeds (while supplies last) and face painter on site.
- **June 11** – Father's Day hand out
- **June 27** – The Market Bunch Kids Corner –Painted rock (while supplies last)
- **July 25** – The Market Bunch Kids Corner – garden sign (while supplies last)
- **August 8** – The Market Bunch Kids Corner – decorate a canvas bag (while supplies last)
- **September 19** – The Market Bunch Kids Corner – Tye Dye pillowcases (while supplies last)
- **October 10** - Customer appreciation Night – free hot apple cider, apple fritters, pumpkin decorating for kids, face painter.

Summer Chill Supper Market

The annual Thursday Night Summer Chill Series returned to Peace Park on June 13 and will run each Thursday night until September 5. The Summer Chill Series includes the Pelham Supper Market, Farmer's Market, and the Bandshell Concert Series. The Supper Market features six local food vendors. Local musical talent is featured in the Supper Market each Thursday from 5:30 – 6:45 pm prior to the Bandshell concerts. On June 20, the Supper Market featured an Indigenous Vendor Market in celebration of Indigenous People's Day. Service Clubs and other non-profit organizations have been helping serve beverages under the sail.

The list of vendors, and entertainers can be seen on the Summer Chill webpage at www.pelham.ca/summerchill. This season has been very successful so far, and overall mother nature has cooperated.

Please see to date comparable attendance from year to year in the chart below (Counters at entrances of Supper Market), once Summer Chill ends a full report will be done on all numbers including bike valet.

Date	# of attendees 2024	# of attendees 2023	# of attendees 2022	# of attendees 2019	# of attendees 2018	# of attendees 2017
Week 1		133*		632*	1471*	743*
week 2	613*	166*	411*	***	1329*	972*
week 3	2978	3661	1941**	1987**	3,603	532*
week 4	5312	2412	2374	2329	2,944	3259
week 5		2310	2879	1838	2592	2809
week 6		7500	2903	1837	3,115	3810
week 7		***	4697	5083	5,611	6289
week 8		2810	2174	1671	1,711	2759
week 9		1710	1406	2393	1,832	2271
week 10		3574	2033	2650	4,342	4406
week 11		1416	2215	2286	2,005	4400
week 12		1676	7195	2596	2,599	610
week 13		2092	3678	2147	2,427	3761
week 14		2788	3601	3546	2056	3988
week 15		407		-	703*	2261
week 16		199		-	-	520*
Totals	8,903	32,854	37,507	30,995	40,623	36,168

* No Bandshell Concert

** Rainy weather

*** Rain cancellation

Big Band

Town of Pelham's Big Band Dance Night, featuring the Jimmy Marando Swing Band takes place every third Tuesday of the month in the Accursi Room at the Meridian Community Centre. It is a night filled with swing, jazz, classical music, and lots of dancing! This event continues to offer free admission with food and beverage available for purchase. This event welcomes those of all ages. Please see the below chart for the average attendance over the past two years.

Quarter	2024	2023	2022
Q1	140	140	No BB due to Covid
Q2	140	160	75
Q3		80 -100	80
Q4		115	115



MCC Art Walls

During Q2 of 2024, art displays were showcased on the Meridian Community Centre art walls. The Pelham Art Festival displayed their art during the month of April in the MCC atrium. Two separate local artists showcased their paintings during the months of May and June in the MCC Atrium. During Q3, EL Crossley's art class have displayed their art in the upper hallway at the Meridian Community Centre. The Welland Museum also set up a display of local artifacts from the Hansler family in Fonthill in the glass display cases in the MCC Atrium.

Staff are currently connecting with local artists to display in the MCC for the remainder of 2024 and into 2025.

Canada Day

Staff are continuing to plan for the July 1st festivities which will kick off with the Grand Parade. There will be entertainment on the stage in the park for the afternoon as well as the Kids Zone organized by the Rotary Club. There will also be a couple food vendors and community booths. The evening will end with spectacular fireworks.

Youth Programming – PD Day Camp

During Q2, the Town of Pelham offered a PD Day Camp on April 8th and June 7th that had a total of 27 children in attendance. The group had guest performances from a local magician and Mad Science.



Youth Programming – Summer Camp

July 2nd marks the first day of summer camp offered by the Town of Pelham. Both speciality camps for children with specific interests (such as biking, art, firefighting, or animals) and regular camp has seen an increase in registration from years prior. 2024 is projected to have a total of 1000 campers throughout the summer. Both junior and senior campers will be travelling to many exciting trips, such as Wild Waterworks, Adventure Village, Aerosports, Cheeky Monkeys and African Lion Safari amongst other locations.

NEW Youth Programming – Family Music Time -

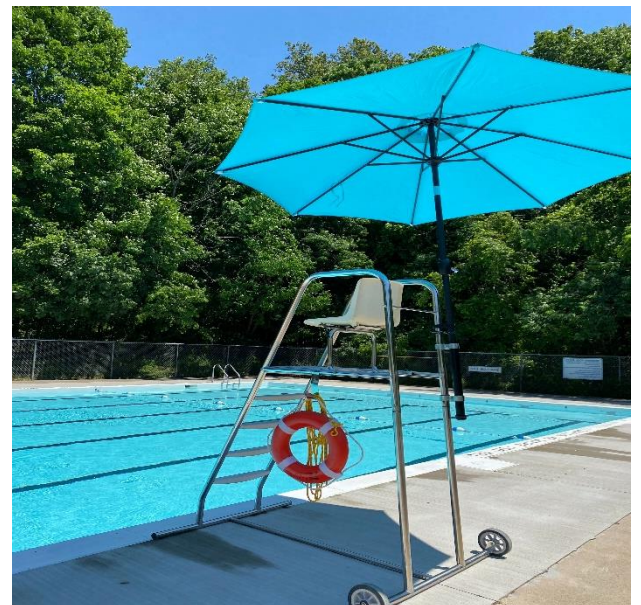
At the start of June, the Meridian Community Center began offering a new drop-in program for youth and their caregivers. Family Music Time provides children ages 0-6 the opportunity to learn about pitch, tempo, and timbre while moving their bodies and using equipment. Family Music Time is currently offered on Monday's at 11:00am and is projected to expand into a registered program in the Fall.

Babysitting Course

The Town offered a babysitting course through St. John's Ambulance on June 22nd that had 20 youth in attendance. This course has not been offered through the Town since October 2023, so there was a large interest from the community. Due to a long waitlist, another babysitting course is set to run on August 3rd.

Pelham Pool

On May 31st, the Pelham Pool successfully passed inspection and opened to the public on June 1st. For the month of June, the pool was open every evening and weekend for public swim! Local residents enjoyed the pool and splash pad during the hot days. Swimming lessons are set to begin on July 1st. The Pelham Swim team will be competing in the NRSSL again this year. There are 55 children on the 2024 team. The team had 38 members in 2023.



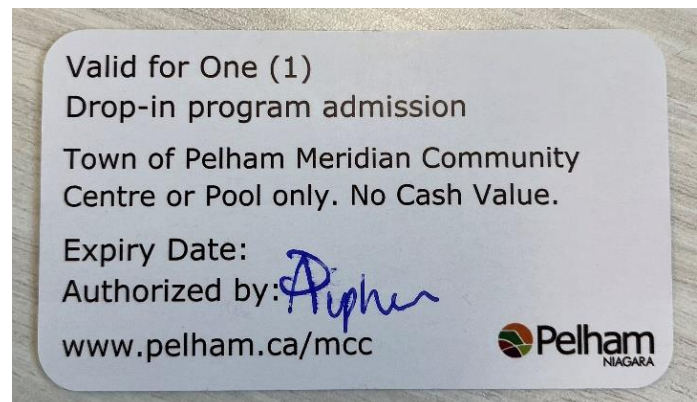
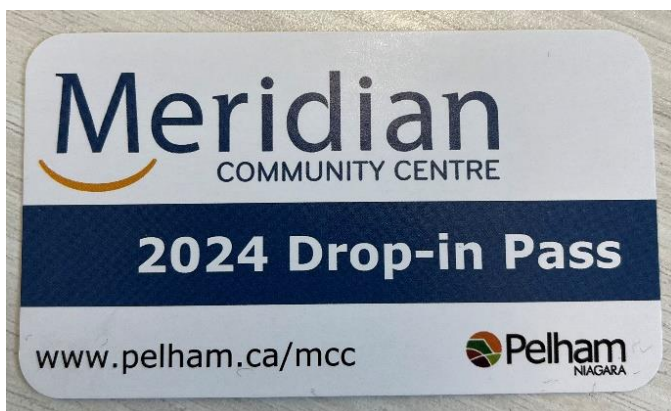
Outdoor Tennis and Pickleball Courts

The Centennial Park outdoor Pickleball and Tennis courts opened to the public on April 15th. Currently, there are 110 individuals with a tennis court membership and 170 individuals with a pickleball court membership. Both numbers have increased from 2023. The courts will remain open until November 1st.



ParticipACTION – June 30 for 30

June was an active month for Pelham residents as we competed for Canada’s most active community! We received the ParticipACTION grant again this spring, which helped the Town remove barriers for residents who are unable to take advantage of our community center due to financial constraint. With the help of Pelham Cares, free drop-in passes were issued to families around the community that could be used for any of our drop-in programs (including public swim!).



Lemonade Stand

In support of Family and Child Services (FACS) Niagara, the Town of Pelham held 2 lemonade stands on Saturday June 8th to raise money that could be used to send children to camp. With one stand at the Meridian Community Center, and another at Centennial Park, we raised over \$150.00. We had the support of local youth who volunteered to help these stands run alongside staff.



Drop-in Program Admissions

2023 (January - December)		2024 (January - June 11)	
Program	Quantity	Program	Quantity
60+ Shinny	1356	60+ Shinny	614
55+ Aerobics	253	55+ Aerobics	94
Adult/Preschool Skate	289	Adult/Preschool Skate	151
Adult Only Skate	274	Adult Only Skate	510
Adult Public Skate	859	Adult Public Skate	504
Basketball Drop-In	99	Basketball Drop-In	92
Chair Yoga	189	Chair Yoga	174
Family Public Skate	290	Family Music	13
Flexagility	17	Family Public Skate	164
Hatha Yoga	98	Flexagility	10
Mom & Baby Fitness	48	Hatha Yoga	113
Orchestrum	63	Mediation	26
Pickleball Drop-In	1405	Men's Shinny	595
Stick & Puck	2472	Mom & Baby Fitness	51
Student/Senior Public Skate	2716	Orchestrum	30
Ticket Ice	239	Parent & Tot Drop-In	193
Volleyball Drop-In	409	Pickleball Drop-In	1404
Women's Learn to Play Hockey	32	Stick & Puck	746
Women's Shinny	669	Senior/Student Public Skate	1202
Women's Shinny Combo	108	Teen Basketball Drop-In	3
Women's Ringette	79	Teen Volleyball Drop-In	7
Yogalates	206	Ticket Ice	162
Youth Drop-In	193	Volleyball Drop-In	189
Youth Skate Grade 7-12	1	Women's Learn to Play	10
Zumba	301	Women's Shinny Combo	146
Activity Drop-In	57	Women's Shinny	166
	= 12722	Yogalates	117
		Youth Drop-In	91
		Youth Skate Grade 7-12	17
		Zumba	166
		Activity Drop-In	33
			= 7792



Meridian Community Centre – Revenue by Major Customer and Activity Appendix 2
 For the months January through June 2024, compared with 2023.

	2023	2023	2024	2024
	Hours	Amount	Hours	Amount
Arena Revenues				
Pelham Minor Hockey Association (PMHA)	- 640.25	\$98,598.50	- 683.33	\$108,649.47
Niagara Centre Skating Club (NCSC)	- 185	\$28,490	- 224	\$34,496
Pelham Junior Hockey Club	- 108.50	\$16,709.	- 115.92	\$17,851.68
Southern Tier Admirals Hockey (AAA)	- 153.25	\$23,600.50	- 133	\$21,147.00
Pelham Raiders Lacrosse	- 101	\$3,737.00	- 156.50	\$5,790.50
Private Ice Rentals	- 1129.75	\$173,981.50	- 1123.50	\$178,636.50
Recreation & Wellness Programming (Shinny, Stick & Puck etc.)	- 420	\$ 2,520	- 468	\$2,808
Advertising	- 97,992	\$38,983.33	- 153,801	\$49,281.71
Arena Revenues Subtotal		\$389,619.83		\$418,660.86
Multi-Purpose Space Revenue				
Room Rentals	- 1882.75	\$36,095.83	- 2142.50	\$42,961.02
Recreation Programming (Yoga, 55+, drop-in basketball etc.)	- 624	\$3,744	- 636	\$3,816
Activity Memberships	-	\$36,800	-	\$34,020.00
Multi-Purpose Space Revenue Subtotal		\$76,639.83		\$80,797.02
Gymnasium Revenues				
Pelham Panthers Basketball	- 2051.75	\$42,131.00	- 2093.75	\$45,424.00
Private Gym Rentals	- 398.25	11,292.00	- 277.00	\$8,705.50
Gymnasium Revenues Subtotal		\$53,423.00		\$54,129.50
Camp Registrations (Revenues includes registrations into the future)	-	\$117,276.40	-	\$122,869.85
Pool (Revenues includes registrations into the future)	-	\$53,855.17	-	\$50,687.54
Camp and Pool Revenues		\$171,131.57		\$173,557.39
Total Revenues		\$687,814.23		\$727,144.77

Earth Day Eco Expo and Community Clean-up

On Saturday, April 20th from 9:00am – 1:00pm the Town hosted the Earth Day Eco Expo and Community Clean-up with a kickoff at the MCC in the Courtyard, then at various locations around town for clean-up. Partners such as Safe Tree, Rotary Club of Fonthill and PATH were part of the Eco Expo, and over **115** community members and students/teachers at local schools participated in collecting waste around the community.

Total weight of garbage pickup from community volunteers was **265 kg or 584 pounds.**



Art Your Service – Free Virtual Seniors Programming Subscription:

The Town of Pelham partners and subscribes to 'Art Your Service' – free virtual live classes for older adults based on a weekly calendar. With the subscription, Pelham residents can register through the Seniors and Community Services Programmer to join the list and receive free weekly calendars of activities to access from home. Currently at the end of Q2, the Town of Pelham has over **125 subscribers**. The Town of Pelham renewed membership in January 2024 for a full year subscription.

Seniors Programming:

Seniors Social and Seminar Series:

The Town of Pelham was approved for the New Horizons for Seniors Program 2024 grant that will run from April 1st, 2024 – December 31st, 2024.

Pelham Cares was scheduled to provide a workshop and presentation on April 11th, but due to unforeseen circumstances, the workshop was rescheduled for September 25th, 2024.

David Hunt from the Niagara Freewheelers provided a Seniors Bike Safety Workshop on May 15th, with **55** attendees registered.

Shauna Daley (Art & You) led a workshop on Watercolour Blooms painting on June 26th with two sessions: 1:00pm – 2:00pm and 2:30pm – 3:30pm. A total of **53** attendees participated between both sessions.



Upcoming workshops include Meditation and Yoga on July 25th, 55+ Aerobics Workshop and Information Session on August 28th, the Professional Referral Group of Niagara speaking on Seniors thinking of downsizing or making life changes, on September 17th and Pelham Cares on September 25th.

Niagara College Health Fair

On Friday, April 12th from 1:30pm – 3:30pm, in partnership with Niagara College, we hosted the Niagara College Performance Therapy Health Fair. With over 10 booths focusing on different health topics and treatments, students from Niagara College shared their knowledge and studies with local seniors who could attend at the MCC. This was a successful event with over **100** visitors to the fair, light refreshments were also provided.



Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee Survey:

Staying Well, Safe, Connected and Active Survey Results					
Information Survey	1	2	3	4	5
Health, Wellbeing & Education	6	13	39	64	175
Walking & Transit - Safety & Accessibility	34	30	56	29	136
Safe & Affordable Housing & Community Spaces	33	28	46	52	122
Aging in Place and LTC	17	12	31	39	188
Social & Civic Engagement	5	9	42	58	176
Communication & Information	8	4	43	69	167

To continue to meet the needs of seniors in Pelham, we continue to encourage feedback. A survey is provided online, in-person at our seminars, workshops, and

events, as well as in our monthly e-newsletter link to community members who subscribe, that provides opportunity to better understand the needs of the town of Pelham's 55+ population. Q2 updated results are shown here, with an increase in feedback and participation in the survey since Q1's results.

Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee Socials (June is Seniors Month)

Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee members hosted 3 Seniors coffee socials in the month of June – June 3rd, June 13th, and June 25th. These were held in the lobby of the MCC as an opportunity for the committee to connect with local seniors and have conversations around what older adults in the community are looking for from the committee and Town. Light refreshments and programming information and resources were provided. Registrants of the fitness programs and gym programs here at the MCC attended and engaged in conversation with the committee.

55+ Seniors Walk-a-thon (June 30 for 30)

On Monday, June 3rd from 7:00am – 1:00pm, Seniors and supporting community members were encouraged to join in on the 55+ Walk-a-thon on the walking track at the MCC to kickoff June 30 for 30. Tracking calendars were created for Seniors to utilize and track their time and steps in the month of June. As part of the walk-a-thon, coffee and refreshments were provided as well as free pedometers as part of June 30 for 30's challenge to be active in the month of June. This event saw a great turnout of **50+** residents and Seniors coming by to join the walk-a-thon and say hello.



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Minutes: 23	Minutes: 24	Minutes: 25	Minutes: 26	Minutes: 27	Minutes: 28	Minutes: 29 / 30	
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www.pelham.ca/June30for30
 (905) 732-7871

Pelham Seniors Flag Raising Ceremony



On Monday, June 3rd, the Seniors Flag was raised at the MCC in honour of Seniors Month with members of the public and Pelham Seniors Advisory Committee in attendance for the event.

Pelham Seniors Database Email Newsletter:

The Town of Pelham has put an increased focus on communication and information sharing with the senior community through the monthly Seniors Database email newsletter for the 55+ community.

By the end of Q2, we currently have **764** email subscribers to this newsletter – this number continues to grow monthly based on previous monthly subscription trends. Residents can subscribe through the website and email (online), and through our surveys and feedback forms in-person at events and programs.



Meridian
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Town of Pelham Seniors Database

June 2024 Newsletter



June is here! Check out this month's newsletter with updates on upcoming programs, events, and opportunities for the 55+ community in Pelham.

Upcoming 55+ Seminar and Social Workshop:

Painting Workshop Watercolour Blooms



Brock University MAG (Master of Applied Gerontology) Student Practicums 2024:

The Seniors and Community Services Programmer is now overseeing two MAG Student Practicums from May – August 2024, who have been onboarded to assist with two separate projects while completing their 300 hours for their program.

Student 1, Kiara Kalenuik: Social Prescribing Project and Education Support

Student 2, Ashley Hamilton: Recreation Project and Support

Both positions have started successfully in Q2 on May 6th, with projects being completed with the students until August 15th, 2024.

Communities in Bloom Working Group:

The Communities in Bloom working group continues its planning and outreach in Q2. The group currently has 12 members – 8 staff and 4 resident volunteer members. The group has focused on reviewing past competition results for the Town of Pelham and planning the itinerary and routes for the upcoming judges tour in July 2024 based on the key criteria of evaluation.

We launched the Communities in Bloom and Scotts Miracle-Gro Best Garden Selection that ran from May 6th – June 21st, 2024. A total of **7** applicants applied who received an official "Best Garden" sign and Miracle-Gro products.



The Communities in Bloom working group members volunteered at Summer Chill series on Thursday nights in Peace Park from June 20th to July 4th to promote and spread awareness of the Communities in Bloom program and inform the community of the upcoming Judges Tour of Pelham on July 11 – 13th.

Festivals & Events Update

Summerfest: Staff and the Summerfest Working Group are preparing to hold Pelham Summerfest from July 18 – 21 in Downtown Fonthill. The 4-day event will host 51 local food, artisan, and community vendors, 24 live entertainers, the new Pelham Street Games area, an extended Kids Zone and lots of beverage options both under the arches and at select restaurants on Pelham Street. We have received \$64,500 in sponsorship dollars for Summerfest 2024, which is an increase of \$26,00 from Summerfest 2023. Additionally, we have received \$28,000 dollars from the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund. This grant money has allowed us to create a new and improved Pelham Summerfest website to enhance the accessibility. All information surrounding Summerfest including entertainment line-up, sponsors, shuttles, etc. can be found at www.pelhamsummerfest.ca



Volunteers

During Q2 of 2024 Staff received twenty-five new volunteer expression of interest forms through the Town's website and the Summerfest website as well. Town Staff continue to advertise volunteer opportunities by emailing the community volunteer database.

One student volunteer is currently assisting with bronze cross and medallion, acting as a victim and bystander as needed, as well as helping with clean up at the end of lessons. This volunteer contributed a total of 21 hours at the outdoor pool.

One Senior VIP (Volunteer in Pelham) has continued to contribute her time to the Meridian Community Centre. During Q2 of 2023, this volunteer contributed a total of 18 hours to assisting with the Orchestrum Music drop-in program on Friday's.

Dedication Program

During Q2 of 2024, there were 2 new inquiries for the bench dedication program. Both inquiries are ongoing. The first inquiry is in the process of being installed next week. This memorial bench will be installed at the entrance of the Steve Bauer Trail.



Employee Updates:

2 Masters of Applied Gerontology Students, Camp Supervisor, Aquatics Supervisor and RCW Intern started for the Summer Season on May 4. The Culture & Community Enhancement Programmer, returned from Maternity Leave on June 24th.