

**TOWN OF INGERSOLL
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT – JULY 2009**

Report No. R-105-09

Approval Date: July 13, 2009

Mayor Holbrough & Members of Council:

1. Upcoming Meetings & Events:

CIB Meeting

Wednesday, July 8, 2009 – 6:30 pm – JC Herbert Room

Fusion Neighbourhood Meeting

Wednesday, July 29 2009 - 5:00 pm – Fusion Board Room

2. The CIB Committee is pleased to report that the Dinner/Dance Under the Stars and MoonLight Walk was a great success with over 130 people attending. Positive comments were received by all those who attended. Many thanks are extended to the Corporate Sponsors and local Retail Businesses that support this worthwhile community event.
3. The CIB Committee is once again coordinating the “Town Beautiful Awards”, “Annual Street Beautification Challenge” and “Annual Corporate Challenge” this year. The deadline date for entries is Friday, July 17, 2009. The CIB Committee is now planning the Awards Ceremony for September 2009.
4. Staff is currently working on the implementation of the approved RinC Grant Applications. One of the projects approved was the replacement of the Pool/Deck tile. The removal and installation of tile will take 6 to 8 weeks; therefore we are proposing that the pool will be closed from Monday, November 9, 2009 to January 4, 2010. We are also planning to replace the Dryton Unit (Pool Air Handling Unit) at the same time pending manufacturing dates.
5. Summer day camps and swimming lessons are now underway. Registrations numbers indicate a successful summer. Other programs being offered at VPCC during July and August include: Flick and Dip, Salsa Dancing, Extreme Green Circuit Training, Walk to Run and Aikido.

6. Staff Projects:

- Canterbury Folk Festival Assistance
- CIB – Daffodil Festival & Town Beautiful Awards
- Santa's Festival Village & Festival of Lights
- Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Program – Project Implementation
- Town Employee Policy Manual Review
- Here in Ingersoll – Fall Edition
- Health & Safety Policies & Procedures
- Celebration Ontario – 2009 Grant Agreement, 2008 Grant Report
- Development of Community Gardens Policy
- Hall's Creek Erosion Issues
- 2010 Olympic Torch Relay – Sunday, December 27, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ward, Director
Parks & Recreation Department

Fusion Youth Activity & Technology Centre

June 2009 Council Report

Wednesday July 1, 2009

1. Facility Update

Skate Park – going very well with only needing a few minor repairs to the park. Several professional bikers have attended the skate park and shot some video footage. We are currently averaging approximately 40 – 45 youth each day. There is a planed Skate Park competition on Aug 8 2009. So far we have 5 corporate sponsors for the event.

The Youth Technology Learning centre – Construction will soon be underway on the two radio booths that Conestoga would be using in the morning time for their fall media programs and Fusion will use to run an in house radio program with the youth. Construction should be complete mid July.

Recording Studio – the first recording session took place on June 23, 2009. Heart FM had there Big Break III compilation CD recorded. 4 groups recorded original material and 6 youth were able to shadow the Sound Engineer.

Fusion Parking lot – the draft agreement has been approved and construction has been started. The walkway and parking lot have been paved. The parking lot lines are scheduled to be painted end of June early July weather permitting.

Boardroom – The electrical and networking upgrades have been complete and the new computer lab is ready to go. We are hopeful that it will be utilized by the Thames Valley District School Board as an Alternate Education site beginning in September 2009.

Gym – The gym has now been wired for sound. **Speakers** and a **wireless microphone** have been installed. Youth will be able to use this equipment during regular programming. It will also be used during facility rentals and speaking engagements.

2. Funding Update

Fusion wrote a **CAF grant** to expand the existing infrastructure and the social enterprise we are currently establishing. We are awaiting on approval of that grant.

Summer Employment Grants have been approved. The Town will receive about \$20,000 in employment subsidies that Fusion applied for. The largest money coming form the \$2 per hour grant from CES.

A donation from the **Canadian Blind Society** through the Trillium Foundation has provided the **Technology Centre** with a number of **new items**: a mixing board, electric piano, dual-core hp computer, and hand held microphone which will be used in the Recording Studio and the Radio Booths. This donation also included a **Point of Sale** terminal, barcode scanner and printer that will be utilized in our **Canteen**.

An application has been submitted to the Ontario Electronic Stewardship program to have the Fusion/ReBuildIT become a Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE) recycling centre.

Other grants are ongoing for the continual develop of Fusion and its programs on an ongoing basis. **Below in this report you will find a chart of grants we have applied for and their status.**

3. Fusion Programs

Technology Centre

Radio Booths – Once construction is complete, equipment will be installed and programming will start likely in September to run an in house radio program.

iMac Lab – The iMac Lab has been rearranged to make way for the construction of a door into the iMac Room. Installation of the **new projector** and screen will be completed by the end of June.

Coop Student - Alex Thomson, our youth co-op student, will be coming back to join us for our Multi Media Youth Group. His skills and talents will be a wonderful addition to our group.

ReBuildIT- Work is continuing on the cleanup of the ReBuildIT room. With completion of the parking lot the metal recycling bin will be returned so that the recycling program can restart. A donation of computers from the London Public Library is expected to arrive by the middle of July. ReBuildIT is running Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Internet Café – Installation of the new projector has been completed.

MultiMedia – The Fusion Centre was at the Laurie Hawkins Bench Dedication to provide a PA system and record the event. A DVD will be made and given to Josie Gordon, the event organizer.

Activity Centre

Guys and Girls group – has slowed down for the summer, girls group concluded the program with a slumber party. The SUV Limousine transported the girls to London for dinner and bowling. Guys group continues to prepare for a summer canoe trip. Both groups are offered each week and see between 10 – 15 youth per group out.

Fitness Program – the fitness program took one step closer to its launch day in July. The first set of equipment has arrived and waiting for the remaining equipment to come in. Fusion staff member Brian Tschirsow has completed his fitness instructor certification and will be the program facilitator. Techno Fitness continues to draw approximately 25-30 youth on a weekly basis.

Art Program- there has been some improvements to the art programs. Art programs are offered 4 days a week. Aaron Smith who is a professional art teacher has been hired to facilitate two new art programs – Art breaks which includes drawing/painting. Aaron has teamed up with staff member Aveleen Schinkel to run Art Factory, which averages approximately 15 youth on a weekly basis.

Music – with the new music equipment arriving (drums, guitars) the music room is the place to be. The room is booked full every night and music facilitator Aaron Turford is currently providing 15 -20 youth to music lessons. With the increasing demand of youth wanting to learn about music, Aaron is implementing group lessons that will provide the youth with knowledge of music. This will allow Aaron an opportunity to meet the high demand of youth who want to learn about music.

Sports –. with summer arriving, the sports scene has heated up, our volleyball court hosts nightly games, and out on the sports field a soccer league has started.

Yep Program

Jason and Erin had their first appointment with their newly appointed YEPP Project Officer, Andrea Wallace. Andrea was pleased with the programme's success to date and looks forward to working with our team and making a site visit in the fall.

Erin is working to establish a fully operational website for the YEP project, to be up and running by the first of September.

Erin presented the programme to four high school business classes; since then she has had thirty students register for regular email updates over the next year and has met with two students to discuss the project.

She is currently prioritizing the business plans and feasibility studies and is on an aggressive schedule to have all four (for Food Services, Multimedia Production, Computer Services and Digital Recording and Audio) completed by the end of October.

Erin is currently working with the IYAC committee to write a program and a grant to acquire funding for more recycling bins in the downtown area.

Erin is constantly looking to expand involvement through local organizations and service clubs. If you have an interest in learning more, please get in touch with us at Fusion.

4. Community Development

(June 9, 2009) 2nd Annual Fusion Youth Awards (4:00-5:00pm) – Youth were thrilled to win awards as they cheered on and supported one another. Approximately 20 youth received awards that vary from most improved biker, to Music dedication.

(June 11, 2009) 3rd Annual Fusion Open House – Tours were given to the public between 3:00pm- 6:00pm as well as Fusion partners showed off there programs in the gym. The open house was a great success.

(June 18, 2009) Rib Fest – Fusion youth filled the downtown core and participated in a paper airplane competition, ring toss and assisted in moving picnic tables off the street and the end of the event. Fusion seen close to 300 youth go through Fusions activities.

(June 26-27, 2009) Relay For Life – For the third year in a row the Fusion will be entering a team to raise money to fight cancer. The team has increased this year with approximately 10-15 more youth registered. Fusion will also be hosting a Karaoke show and sign at the Relay for Life on the main stage from 10:15pm-11:00pm.

(June 27, 2009) Skate park Concert – Inside the skate park area approximately 7 youth bands will be performing for all ages.

(July 9, 10, 11, 2009) Canterbury Folk Festival – is providing the sound and equipment for the various performers for the festival.

(July 16, 2009) Canada's Wonderland – for the third year in a row approximately 45-50 including several staff will be riding the roller coasters for the day at Canada's Wonderland.

(July 26, 2009) Toronto Blue Jays Vs Cleveland Indians – approximately 45-50 youth will be cheering for the Blue Jays at the Rogers centre.

(August 8, 2009) Skate park competition – 2nd annual skate board and bike competition youth will be competing for a wide variety of prizes.

(August 18, 20, 21, 2009) Harvest Festival – downtown at the Gazebo 6 bands from across Oxford County will be participating in the Battle of the bands hosted by Fusion.

(August 30, 2009) Harvest Run – for the first time Fusion will be running the 1km leg of the Harvest Run. Staff will also volunteer with other aspects of the event.

5. Tours of the Facility and Speaking Engagement

The YEPP office has established a presence at IDCI through the Business Department. Also, Erin will also be presenting to numerous service clubs and community partners over the next few weeks.

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, OMFRA, toured the Fusion Centre the third week of June.

Peter Kenyon a well known community developer from Australia, will be touring the Fusion Centre on July 3.

A few Teachers from IDIC toured Fusion and held a meeting in our Art Room.

Youth and staff attended the Cami/GreenTec e-waste recycling day on Saturday, June 6 it was a successful event.

6. Up coming meetings and dates to remember

June 26, 2009 – Relay for Life

July 16, 2009 – Trip to Canada's Wonderland

Neighbourhood meetings are hosted every month on the last Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is June 24 2009 at 5pm at Fusion

Youth Action Committee meetings are hosted the third Tuesday of the month at Town hall. The next meeting is June 30, 2009 at 3:30pm

BAC Meeting meetings are the first Wednesday of the month hosted at Fusion at 8am. Our next meeting will be September 9, 2009

Fusion Youth Activity and Technology Centre Grant List Update June 26, 2009

| Grant | Total Grant Amount | Applied | Accepted | Rejected | Fusion/Town Contribution |
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| United Way of Oxford Travel Expenses for Fusion trips | \$4,000 | May 2009 | X | | \$0.00 |
| Ontario Trillium Foundation | \$100,000 | November 2008 | X | | \$0.00 |
| Nuclear Waste Management Organization- Recycling bins for Parks | \$20,000 | June 2009 | | | Fusion- \$0.00 IYAC- \$500.00 BIA-\$5,000.00 |
| Provincial Centre of Excellence Fusion Evaluation of programs and services. (part 1) | \$10,000 | May 2009 | | | \$0.00 |
| Provincial Centre of Excellence Funding for Gina Brown. (part 2) | \$50,000 | May 2009 | | | \$0.00 |
| RED Grant Fusion - \$223,000 Arts Ingersoll - \$50,000 | \$783,000 | December 2007 | | X | |
| Community Adjustment Funds Expansion for Fusion commercial Kitchen, e-waste Recycling room, Café reconstruction, and Speakers throughout building | \$716,000 | June 2009 | | | \$0.00 |
| Summer Experience Grant Money split between Fusion, VPCC, Public Works, Parks and Engineering. | \$15,000 | May 2009 | X | | \$0.00 |
| RBC Afterschool funding For Fusion general Operations | \$25,000 | Re-applying Feb 2010 | | | \$0.00 |
| Ministry of Small Business and Consumer Services Social Enterprise and Entrepreneurial services at Fusion | \$66,040 | December 2008 | X | | \$0.00 |
| Smoke Free Ontario Funding for Board Room reconstruction | \$2,000 | May 2009 | X | | \$0.00 |
| Communities in Action Fund Funding for Fitness, Nutrition, Skate Park Video and Skate Park competitions | \$35,000 | March 2008 | X | | \$0.00 |
| Healthy Communities Competitive sports program, Skate Park programming, Nutrition programming, and recreation equipment | \$30,000 | March 2008 | | | \$0.00 |
| PQR Limited Foundation Stephen Couchman – Thornbury Ontario Letter of Intent sent March 2008 | \$20,000- \$30,000 | March 2008 | | | \$0.00 |
| Ingersoll Community Foundation | \$5,000.00 | March 2008 | X | | \$0.00 |

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| Funding for Fusion Art Program | | | | | |
| Oxford Community Foundation Funding for Art program | \$400.00 | October 2009 | X | | |
| Summer Experience Program Covers 90% of wage for LIT | \$2401.49 | March 2009 | X | | \$0.00 |
| Oxford County Nutrition Partnership Funding for Nutrition Program | \$1,200 | May 2009 | X | | \$0.00 |
| Accessibility Funding (Federal) Renovate Fusion washrooms to become accessible | \$25,000 | May 2009 | | | \$0.00 |
| Community Development Program (Rural Secretariat) Funding for Program partnership development and possible Gina Browne | \$100,000- \$250,000 | July/Aug 2009 | | | \$0.00 (?) |
| Microsoft Canada Funding and Equipment for Fusion Technology Centre | \$100,000- \$150,000 | July/Aug 2009 | | | \$0.00 |
| Canada Summer Jobs Day Camp, LIT Coordinator, and Festival Coordinator | \$3,990 | | X | | \$0.00 |
| Job Connect Employment grant for part time staff member | \$3,500 | April 2009 | X | | \$0.00 |
| Oxford County Community Partnership Fund Funding for Fusion programs | \$10,000 | June 2009 | | | \$0.00 |
| Epicure Foundation Money for Nutrition program | \$5,000 | January 2009 | | X | \$0.00 |
| Ingersoll Rotary Club Funding for IYAC to go on a Youth Conference | \$1,500 | April 2009 | X | | \$0.00 |
| Oxford Elgin Middlesex Local Training Board Funding for YEP Program | \$2,500 | April 2009 | X | | \$0.00 |
| Community Employment Centre Funding for YEP Program | \$3,750 | April 2009 | X | | \$0.00 |
| Oxford Small Business Support Centre Funding for YEP Program | \$3,750 | April 2009 | X | | \$0.00 |
| Ingersoll Kiwanis Club Funding for YEP Program | \$2,500 | April 2009 | X | | \$0.00 |
| Local CAW #88 Funding for YEP Program | \$500 | April 2009 | X | | \$0.00 |
| United Way Funding for Fast Forward Program | \$1,640 | January 2009 | X | | \$0.00 |
| Safe and Vital Communities Funding for Dr. Gina Browne Research | \$20,000 | November 2009 | | X | \$0.00 |
| RInC Program Grant Funding for Fusion Boilers and gym, board room Air conditioner | \$99,000 | May 2009 | X | | \$33,000 |
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