

**TOWN OF INGERSOLL
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT – AUGUST 2010**

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Mayor Holbrough & Members of Council:

1. Parks & Recreation Department Upcoming Meetings & Special Events:

Ingersoll Harvest Festival
August 25 to August 29, 2010

Ingersoll Harvest Run
August 29, 2010

2. 2010 August Staff Work Projects:
 - Summer Day Camp & Aquatic Programs
 - Here In Ingersoll Magazine – Fall Edition
 - Parks – Harvest Festival
 - Parks – Outdoor Washrooms Painted
 - Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Program Projects
 - Implementation of Full Time Maintenance Position - Fusion
 - Fusion – Washroom Renovations
 - Fusion – Skateboard Park- Ramp Installation
 - Fusion Business/Strategic Plan
 - Fusion – YEPP Business Plans
 - Health & Safety Policies, Procedures & Training

3. Summer Day Camp Statistics
 - Week 1 - 55 Campers (8 Subsidized)
 - Week 2 - 80 Campers (18 Subsidized)
 - Week 3 - 71 Campers (9 Subsidized)
 - Week 4 - 52 Campers (11 Subsidized)

4. The fall edition of the “Here In Ingersoll” magazine will be distributed to every household the week of August 9th, 2010. Fall programs are scheduled to begin the week of September 6th, 2010.

5. RinC Project Implementation Status:

VPCC Pool/Deck Tile Replacement

- Construction Update: Project Completed

VPCC Dryton Unit Replacement

- Construction Update: Project to be Completed by July 30, 2010

Fusion – Heating & Cooling Systems Upgraded & Replaced

- Project Update – Project to be retendered at a later date. Ministry has approved project deadline date to February/March 2011.

Trail Upgrades & Extensions

- Trails Paved – Completed (Yvonne Holmes Mott Memorial & Smith's Pond Park)
- North Meadows Naturalized Trail – Completed
- Victoria Park Trail Entrance – Upgrade to be Completed August 2010
- Lighting Smith's Pond Trail – October 2010

Respectfully submitted,

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Fusion Youth Activity & Technology Centre
August Council Report
August 3, 2010

1. Facility Update

Skate Park – is open for all ages and is averaging approximately 60 riders a night. The New Skate Park equipment has arrived and staff and youth have begun to install the new ramps. On August 14, 2010 we plan to host a HUGE Skate and Bike completion that will see hundreds gather at Fusion. This will be the launch of the new ramps and new configuration of the Skate Park.

Fusion Bathrooms Renovation: Tender has been approved and we are within in budget as per the grant we received. Washroom renovations begin August 13, 2010 and with a planned completion date of September 8, 2010.

Interior and Exterior Façade Improvements- Authorization has recently been given to Banner Promotions to move ahead with our new singe. Signage will be installed shortly at Fusion and you will begin to see a huge change to the façade inside and outside the Fusion facility.

Thames Valley District School Board Alternative Education Program plans to do minor changes and alterations to their room in August to get ready for school in September.

2. Funding Update

Fusion was turned down on the **RBC Afterschool grant** however after a tour with RBC officials we are being considered for a donation of \$10-\$15,000 for 2010. We have been highly encouraged to re-apply for RBC Afterschool funding in the amount of \$40,000 for the next five years. Application due date is February 2011

4 grant applications were submitted in the month of July for specific program and operational funding for the Fusion Youth Centre.

3. Fusion Programs

Technology Centre

Radio Booths – The Radio Booths are continuing to be a very popular area. Dan Williamson, a seasoned radio and voice over artist, provided the youth with an intensive workshop. More than 12 youth were in attendance. The Radio programs is off to a great start.

iMac Lab – Kevin will be holding movie editing tutorial, using Final Cut HD Express, on a regular basis. This month he offered instruction on video capturing and basic editing. iLife was recently added to the iMacs. This will allow for CD/DVD burning and other applications that are needed by the youth for homework.

Recycling program- The ReCycleIT has continued to be called upon for pickups. For Scheduling purposes we have designated Monday as our E-waste Recycling day for business e-waste pickups. We are continuing to work with GreenTec for the collection of all of our e-waste skids. We have finished the skidding of all the e-waste at the Public Works yard. We now have 5 youth employed in the RecycleIt program on a regular basis because of the income we are starting to receive.

Gaming Zone – The new games that have been added to the Gaming Zone are very popular. The addition of new USB mice and keyboards are part of our continued upgrading and maintenance of the Gaming Zone

Fusion Recording Studio - The Studio continues to be one of the most popular areas at Fusion. Youth and Staff are creating new original music weekly. With the addition of the CD/DVD duplicator youth are able to create copies of their original work at a low cost. The Studio is also busy helping with voice over's for various multimedia projects including the United Way Video. As always, The Studio continues to offer free of charge to the youth piano, guitar and drum lessons. Spoken Word and Studio workshops are also available.

MultiMedia –Staff and youth are working on a new United Way Campaign Video. With the purchase of the DVD/CD Duplicator we can now provide a full multimedia service. We have just finished the production including the art work, recording and duplication, of the Big Break 4 CD for Heart FM.

Fusion TV- Rogers Cable 13 has approved for Fusion to have their own TV show that will premier in September of 2010. What for it in the fall of 2010. The pilot episode of Fusion TV has been completed for Rogers Cable 13.

ReBuildIT- is still going strong. The ReBuildIT room is open Monday to Thursday with youth at the centre building computers and recycling. There are several youth a night involved in the program. On a regular basis we are donating computers to non-profit groups. Alex Minoto is now running his summer, computer repair, business from the ReBuildIT room, called Not Strings.

E-waste Collections

E-waste is being dropped of on a regular basis at Fusion and we are collecting an average of 20-30 skids per month and roughly 15,000lbs per month. The program seems to be taking off and we are excited about the possibility for generating good revenue for the centre.

Month	LBS	Total
31-Jan-10	2716	\$448.14
31-Mar-10	4128	\$719.95
30-Apr-10	0	\$0.00
31-May-10	38582	\$3,660.59
30-Jun-10	11204	\$1,191.71
06-Jul-10	14,801	\$1,094.33
14-Jul-10	13,848	\$1,418.32
Year to Date	85,279	\$8,533.04

Activity Centre

Girls group– Tracy Smail the program facilitator has begun planning and preparing the activities for the upcoming Girls Group session that will be starting up in September.

Go Chicks “All Girls Sports Program” – The “Go Chicks” program is the newest program at Fusion and focuses on female health & fitness. Part – time staff Amy Kirwin & Eileigh McCoskey took the initiative and created this program on their own. On July 17, 2010 Amy & Eileigh went down to the “Family Farm Day” at the cheese museum and had barbecued for the everyone the proceeds went to the “Go Chicks” program. That day alone Amy & Eileigh raised \$181.00. On August 3, 2010 approximately 8-10 girls are going to camp out at Centennial Park for the night and lay a variety of different sporting activities.

Fitness Program – The R-U Ready program that is run through the Woodstock YMCA contacted Fusion and asked if two \$5000.00 Adaptive Exercise bikes could be stored at Fusion with the approval that the fitness program could have access to the bikes. Since the bikes arrived in early June the bikes have been used for every program and has increased the fitness programs youth participation by about 8 youth every

Tuesday & Thursday. The bikes have really created an excitement and have created some new interest with the youth

Art Program- the art program continues to operate 4 nights a week, and art program facilitator Aaron Smith continues to keep the program fresh and vibrant with new projects for the youth to work on. Through a community donation of approximately 100 vinyl records of some “Golden Oldies” the youth used the records and changed them into pieces of art as they painted them, sketched on them and are now displayed in the art room. With every month that goes by the youth are getting more and more creative. The artroom just got a good two year supply of art supplies thanks to a \$5,000 donation from the Ingersoll Community Foundation

Music – We are continuing to have excellent youth participation in the Music program. New youth are entering into the music room every day and through positive reinforcement and encouragement from Fusion staff Arlen Yanch and Karim Rushdy self confidence and youth self esteem is improving as youth are expressing themselves with through music. On July 29, 2010 through a community donation a mint condition 1970’s style organ was given to the Centre to use in the music room. With the innovative skills that Arlen & Karim have the organ will provide the youth with a unique sound and experience within the recording studio.

Sports – Thanks to the Cowan Foundation and their financial contribution they are providing Fusion over the next 3 years the Sports & Recreation Program is going to be completely restructured and revamped. Over the next month or two brand new sports equipment will be purchased and several new sports leagues are going to be created for the start of the school year. During the month of July the sports field has gotten some great use out of it as soccer games have been a daily occurrence.

Lounge – due to a community donation a brand new Air Hockey was given to the Fusion Centre and was placed in the lounge. Youth have really enjoyed the new table up to this point. 20 new swivel stools were purchased for the lounge, so youth now have the opportunity to sit around canteen and bar area and hang out with one another. Youth numbers have increased in the lounge over the past month due to some new console games and equipment.

YEPP (Youth Entrepreneurial Partnership Program)

YEPP- The BAC has decided to take the summer off. Meetings will resume in September.

The program coordinator has been working **with Alex on a consistent basis to improve his business and connect him with the appropriate resources.** Alex has had quite a few customers and is excelling in his new business. His business has been featured in a number of local newspapers including the Business Today section of the London Free Press.

The program coordinator has met with a **local jewellery maker who is interested in employing youth and teaching them about sales and business** along the way. This is an exciting opportunity that will attract more young females to the entrepreneur program.

With the guidance of WDDS, the **program coordinator has been working on developing a new catering menu** which we hope to showcase at the Food and Wine Tasting in August. The new menu will take into consideration local producers, cost and staff time all of which were not considered when current menu was created.

The **multimedia social enterprise has hired a youth to do all graphic design work** for Fusion and incoming customers such as the Kiwanis club. Eric has an amazing talent and everyone has been incredibly impressed by his work and work ethic.

4. Community Development and Events

Leon's Friday Night Movie Night – On July 23, 2010 30 youth ate free pizza and watched the blockbuster hit “Star Trek” on the big screen in the gym. Every month Leon's donates \$50.00 to order pizza for the monthly movie night. Approximately 25 youth watched the movie and ate pizza.

UN International Youth Appreciation Day- In order to celebrate this day on August 12, 2010 all Fusion youth and several staff are walking to the Victoria Park Community Centre for a free public swim from 7:00-8:00pm. Approximately 30-40 youth are expected to participate to make the trip a fun swim. We would like to thank Bonnie Ward for allowing the swim to be free for the youth of Ingersoll.

Battle of The Bands – ON August 27, 2010, 6 local bands will compete for a total amount \$500.00 in prize money which was donated by the BIA. This will be the 3rd year in a row that Fusion is hosting the competition that will help kick off Harvest Fest. The competition is open to the public and will be downtown at the gazebo.

Harvest Fest – On Saturday August 28, 2010 from 1:00-4:00pm Fusion will be hosting a 3-3 basketball tournament, and a 3-point shot contest. The BIA has been nice enough to provide the winning team with \$75.00 of BIA bucks. The second place team will get \$30.00. A huge thanks goes out to the BIA for providing the prizes for the youth.

Harvest Run – On Sunday August 29, 2010 for the 3rd Annual Harvest Run will be taking place in Ingersoll. Cory & Tim Parrow the organizers of the event have been nice enough again to donate the proceeds raised at the run to the Fusion Youth Centre. Fusion staff and some youth will be volunteering at the run by helping out at water stations, check points and with the 1km run. This year Program Coordinator Craig Boddy will be running in the 10km race. This will be the first time that a Fusion staff member will be participating in the run.

Canada's Wonderland Trip- For the fourth year in a row a bus load of Fusion youth accompanied by two Fusion staff members will be heading to Canada's Wonderland for a day of fun in the sun. The trip to Wonderland has been re-schedule for August 11, 2010.

Skate board and bike competition – On August 14, 2010 the 3rd Annual Fusion Youth Centre Skate Board & Bike Competition will occur. Fusion Staff member Brian Tschirnow has been very proactive with getting prizes from companies from across North America. Companies as far away as Arizona have already donated magazines, stickers, skate board decks, bike seats, as well brand new bike tires. The registration fee for the competition is \$10.00. Each participant will receive a complementary gift bag to take home with them. A free barbecue will be provided for all participants.

Operation Sharing - Coffee Break Meetings are taking the summer off and will resume in September, 2010.

5. Fusion Youth Centre Development

Fusion 5 Year Report – Over the summer a 5 year report on Fusion will be developed. We will feature youth stories, progress made at the centre, the outcomes over the past 5 years, testimonies, and stats and much more. This report will be used to give to council, local organizations and individuals and to hand out to other communities to talk about our success at Fusion

Fusion Information Packages- With several inquiries a week regarding developing a Fusion Centre we are in the process of developing a package that will be handed out to individuals and community groups that will be a generic package about our operations, programs, funding structure, and so on. This package will also be posted on our website when it is put together

Youth Stories- Over the next two months we will be working on gather 30 youth stories that will be posted to our website, used on our marketing materials and used in our 5 year report. These stories will consist success stories of Youth that Fusion has helped.

Fusion Website – The long awaited Fusion Website is making great progress, although slow it will be a show stopper to show the world what happens at Fusion. Plans are for a September launch now, moved back from July. Our web developers are in the final stages of completion on the site and are very happy with the work they have done to date.

Starting in September 2010 Fusion will be on TV on a regular basis. Rogers TV recently approved for Fusion to create and air their own TV Show on Rogers Cable 13. Staff and youth are working on the show that will air on a weekly basis. The show called “Ingersoll’s Fusion TV” will feature a youth perspective on Ingersoll news, things happening in the Ingersoll Community along with several other topics around that the youth plan to cover. Through sponsorship of this TV show we hope to raise \$10-\$15,000 per year. More details to follow

Recording Studio – We are still accepting **bookings** for outside groups to use **The Studio for recording** session to help generate revenue for the centre. Youth and Staff worked with Andre Doucette to create this year’s Big Break 4 CD for Heart FM. It was a great project and very exciting. Good work by all. The Recording Studio has completed the all the printing and production of the CD’s for the Heart FM Big Break 4 recording session thanks to the purchase of the new CD/DVD Duplicator.

Volunteers at Fusion – Fusion is fortunate to have a number of youth and adult volunteers. We have had two new adult come in for volunteer packages. We will be welcoming Carmen Ighani to the Centre in the fall. She is in the Concurrent Education Program at Laurier Brantford. John Vlug, who is going into a Social Service program at Fanshawe College, will also be joining our volunteer team. We have been very fortunate to have Dan Williamson volunteer his time with the Radio Booth. He brings a number of years of experience in both Radio production and Voice Over work. John Brown from Rogers Cable 13 TV has been in on a regular basis mentoring youth and staff about videography and production for the new Fusion TV. We have had a number of youth who have had turned 19 that have expressed interest in volunteering at the Centre.

Fusion business plan are almost complete. We plan to have the report completed for September 2010 and will present it to Council then

211 will be featuring The Fusion Youth Centre in all mock training and information sessions across the province over the next couple of years as 211 is launched throughout the province. 211 is being launched in Oxford County on September 22, 2010. 211 is so impressed by our facility that they want to ensure they share the model and refer as many people to Fusion as possible

Fusion has been very busy with several tours a week. On a weekly basis we host 2-5 tours of communities interested in the Fusion Model. We currently have 25-30 other communities looking at Fusion as a potential model for their municipality to use.

Starting June 1, 2010 Fusion has a new renter. Ingersoll Support Services had began to rent space to offer programming to their clients Monday-Friday from 10am-2:30pm. We would like to welcome Ingersoll Support Services to the building!

Skate Park Donated to Fusion. Skate Park donation of \$50,000 in ramps and equipment was delivered in late June. Over July and August the plan is to begin instillation of the new park and incorporate it with the existing park. We already have two inquires about purchasing any surplus equipment we plan not to use

6. Upcoming meetings and dates to remember

Neighbourhood meetings are hosted every month on the last Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is August 25, 2010.

Youth Action Committee meetings are hosted the second Tuesday of the month at Town hall. The next meeting is will be in September.

BAC Meeting meetings are the first Wednesday of the month hosted at Fusion at 8am. Our next meeting will be held on September 4, 2010 at 8:00am held at Fusion.

July 2010 Stats

For the month of June we seen a total of 1820 youth visits to the centre and 32 NEW youth registered and have become Fusion members. This is the most new members we have seen in a month so far this year!

Fusion Youth Activity and Technology Centre 2010 Grant List List of Fusion Grants applied for and their status- Update June 2010

Grant	Total Grant Amount	Applied	Accepted	Rejected	Fusion/Town Contribution
United Way of Oxford Annual Support of Fusion Programs	\$32,500	March 2010	X		\$0.00
Nuclear Waste Management Organization- Recycling bins for Parks	\$20,000	June 2009	X		IYAC- \$500 BIA-\$2,500 Parks & Rec \$2,500
Summer Experience Grant Money split between Fusion, VPCC, Public Works, Parks and Engineering.	\$15,000-\$18,000	May 2009	X		\$0.00
RBC Afterschool funding For Fusion general Operations	\$40,000	Re-applying Feb 2011		X	Toured RBC and are now looking at giving Centre \$10,000-\$15,000
Ministry of Economic Development and Trade Social Enterprise and Entrepreneurial services at Fusion	\$56,000	March 2010	X		\$0.00
Cowan Foundation Sports program and new equipment	\$12,000	June 2010	X		\$0.00
County of Oxford (through provincial funds) Social Enterprise & Entrepreneurial services at Fusion, along with a youth employment strategy to development Fusion signage, sports filed and	\$46,000	March 2010	X		\$0.00
Ingersoll Community Foundation Funding for Fusion Art Program	\$5,000.00	February 2010	X		\$0.00
Summer Experience Program Covers 90% of wage for Fusion Youth Centre Summer Program Coordinator	\$2,532.00	April 2010	X		\$500.00
Accessibility Funding (Federal) Renovate Fusion washrooms to become accessible	\$24,500	January 2010	X		Unknown

Canada Summer Jobs Day Camp, LIT Coordinator, and Festival Coordinator	\$3,990		X		\$0.00
Oxford County Community Partnership Fund Funding for Gina Brown	\$30,000	June 2009		X	\$0.00
Ingersoll Rotary Club Funding for YEP Program	\$2,500	June 2010	X		\$0.00
Oxford Small Business Support Centre Funding for YEP Program	\$3,500	June 2010	X		\$0.00
Ingersoll Kiwanis Club Funding for YEP Program	\$2,500	June 2010	X		\$0.00
Local CAW #88 Funding for YEP Program	\$1,600	June 2010	X		\$0.00
Community Employment Centre Funding for YEP Program	\$3,500	June 2010			\$0.00
RInC Program Grant Funding for Fusion Boilers and gym, board room Air conditioner	\$99,000	May 2009	X		\$33,000
Canada Summer Jobs Day Camp Councilor and Coordinator Positions	\$4,664.00	May 2010	X		\$0.00