

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

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Mayor Holbrough & Members of Council:

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

Oxford County Trails Council - Annual General Meeting

Monday, November 1, 2010 – 6 pm – The Bridges - Tillsonburg

8th Annual Great Gazebo Ribfest – Theme – Margarittaville

Thursday, June 17, 2010 – 5 pm – 10 pm

Great Trails Quest – Family Fun Walk – 3.2 km

Saturday, June 19, 2010 – 10 am – 12 noon

Starts and Ends – Downtown Gazebo

Family Activities Along Walk, Prizes and Free BBQ

CIB - Dinner/Dance Under the Stars - *Cancelled*

Saturday, June 19, 2010 – 6 pm to 12 am

CIB – Town Beautiful Awards & Street Beautification Challenge

Entry Deadline – July 4, 2010

Judging – Week of July 11, 2010

Canterbury Folk Festival

July 9 – 11, 2010

Ingersoll Pipe Band – 100th Anniversary Celebrations

July 30 – Fish Fry and Ceilidh – Ingersoll Arena

July 31 - Parade & Tattoo – Yvonne Holmes Mott Memorial Park

Ingersoll Harvest Festival

August 25 to August 29, 2010

Ingersoll Harvest Run

August 29, 2010

2. 2010 May Staff Work Projects:
- Summer Day Camps – Hiring Staff & Training
 - Parks & Fusion – BIA Ribfest – Margarittaville – Thurs. June 17, 2010
 - Trails Day – Great Trails Quest – Saturday, June 19, 2010
 - CIB - Town Beautiful Awards
 - Here In Ingersoll Magazine – Fall Edition
 - Community Strategic Plan Implementation – Recreation, Leisure & Sports
 - Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Program Projects
 - Implementation of Full Time Maintenance Positions
 - Fusion – Washroom Renovations
 - Fusion – Radio Booth Equipment & Operation
 - Fusion Business/Strategic Plan
 - Fusion – YEPP Business Plans
 - Health & Safety Policies, Procedures & Training, – Facility Fire Plans

3. RinC Project Implementation Status:

VPCC Pool/Deck Tile Replacement

- Tender Awarded – Acapulco Pools
- Construction Period: April 6, 2010 to June 18, 2010
- Construction Update: Project is 80% Completed

VPCC Dryton Unit Replacement

- Drawings, Specifications Completed
- Equipment Purchased from Engineered Air – Reheat Module, Dehumidification Module, Remote Air Cooled Condenser Module - \$98,635
- Installation Tender Awarded – Vance Construction - \$89,033.
- Approved Budget for Project - \$196,600
- Installation of Equipment Update - Installation of equipment has started.

Fusion – Heating & Cooling Systems Upgraded & Replaced

- Drawings, Specification & Tender Documents Completed
- Project Retendered - May 25, 2010 – 10 am
- Tender Results – One Tender Received – Vance Construction - \$ 108,362. (Replacement of Boilers Only)
- Budget for Project: \$99,000.
- 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
- Lighting Smith's Pond Trail – August 2010

4. Staff is pleased to report that the Splashpad is now open. The Splashpad is open daily from 10 am to 9 pm until the end of September 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ward, Director
Parks & Recreation Department

Fusion Youth Activity & Technology Centre June Council Report

Wednesday June 9, 2010

1. Facility Update

Skate Park – is open for all ages and is averaging approximately 70 riders a night. Starting June 12, 2010 the Skate Park will now be open earlier on Saturdays at 1pm-11pm (opposed to 4pm-11pm) and NEW will be open on Sundays from 1pm-6pm and staffed at all times. Notices to Neighbors will go out the week of June 7, 2010.

Fusion Bathrooms Renovation: Tender documents are drafted a few contractors have picked them up thus far. It was advertised in the June 2 Ingersoll Times. The plan is to have the washroom completed before August 15, 2010 at which time we will do a formal media release with our funder.

Interior and Exterior Façade Improvements- Through some special funding the Fusion Centre received we have hired a couple youth to design, build and install interior and exterior signage that will improve the overall look of Fusion. Youth will work with Banner Promotions (signage company) and work from concept to design to completion and all the stages it along the way. All exterior and interior signage is due to be complete by August 15, 2010.

Sports Field- The Fusion sports field has just had a complete makeover and we have tripled the size of the field with lots of new sod and green space for the youth. This project was fully funded through special funding we received. We hired 8 youth to work with the contractor to lay the sod and complete the new sports field. The field is due to open June 15, 2010 official to the youth.

E-Waste Trailer- Due to the increase demand of our E-waste program we used some of the funding we received to install and relocate a trailer for permanent installation at the centre to house the numerous electronics we were getting. The transport trailer was graciously donated by Verspeeten Carriage and was donated to the centre free of charge. The trailer will hold 12-18 skids of electronics and we plan to ship a minimum of 20 skids per month.

No other facility updates or improvements are in the works.

2. Funding Update

Nuclear Waste Management Organization- The bins have now arrived and we await installation of them into our parks and other downtown location. We plan to have this complete by end of Summer. Thanks to John Philips for all his work along with Bonnie Ward, Gord Lessor, Daryl Capern, Jason Smith and the youth working on the project.

Accessibility Grant Funding- Received the grant money of \$25,000 for Fusion, which will see the both washrooms fully renovated and brought up to accessibility standards. This is 100% funding and no dollars are need from the Town to see this project completed!

Received \$50,000 from Oxford Small Business Support Centre to install and purchase all the equipments for our new radio broadcast program. The installation of the equipment and sound system is complete. Radio program will officially launch in June 2010. Please join us on June 28, 2010 at 3pm at Fusion for the official ribbon cutting.

We have been receiving our monthly income from United Way, which approved Fusion to receive \$32, 500 for the 2010 use year! We are very grateful for this support.

Submitted a RBC After School grant this past month for \$40,000 that would go toward ongoing operating of the Youth Centre and our programs and recently heard that we were turned down. With the decline in our grant application Jason has arranged for Executives from RBC to tour the Youth Centre on June 16, 2010 at 4pm to look at other ways that RBC is able to donate to Fusion. RBC Donations Manager will be present. This tour is separate from the RBC Foundation.

The **Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade has approved our grant for \$56,000** to run the Youth Entrepreneurial Program for a second year. The ministry was so impressed with our first year that they approved funding for a second year!

YEPP Funding- We have also received \$2,500 from the Rotary Club for the YEPP program and also have requested amounts similar to this from Oxford Small Business Support Centre, Ingersoll Kiwanis, CAW local #88, and, others. We intend to raise \$15,000 for the YEPP project.

The **Ingersoll Community Foundation has approved a donation of \$5,000** to the Fusion Youth Centre for our art programs. We appreciate their support of this program.

The **Tobacco – Free Sport and Recreation has approved a donation of \$500.00** to the Fusion Youth Centre for Sport & recreation programs.

Recent we applied to a grant for \$12,000 from the **Cowan Foundation** to fund our Sports and Recreation programs for the next three years. We should hear back on this by June 24, 2010.

We are also in process in getting a large community sponsor that would fund the **YEPP program roughly \$40,000 per year** to sustain the YEPP program. We are in the process of requesting this and hope they are interested. We will keep you posted.

We received \$46,000 funding from the County of Oxford and more specifically from funds they were given from a provincial fund specifically for youth projects and youth employment initiatives. This funding is greatly appreciated and will be used in our Social Enterprise program and the other youth employment type projects that we have on the go.

Other grants are ongoing for the continual development of Fusion and its programs on an ongoing basis. Our focus is on writing grants that require no funding from the Town of Ingersoll.

3. Fusion Programs

Check out the New “Here in Ingersoll” Magazine. We have lots of summer programming happening. Launching in mid June 2010 we will now be offering Rebuilt IT 4 days per week, Fitness classes and programming 3 days per week, recording studio lessons (learning to record music) recording sessions where youth can record their own music and take it home, video editing classes, digital design classes, song writing, art studio classes and much more.

Technology Centre

Radio Booths – The grand opening of the Radio Booths will be on June 28th at 3:00pm. MP Dave McKenzie will be in attendance and will be the official ribbon cutting for the Radio Booths.

iMac Lab – Staff are continuing to run several multi-media type programs out of the media studio including photography, graphic design, video production and more.

Recycling program- We are continuing with pickups for the ReCycleIt program and worked with The Stereo Man and their Technology Tour 2010 for a collection event. We are now partnering with GreenTec in Cambridge. They will be providing all the same services as OES along with a greater flexibility regarding reuse of equipment and special collection events and better pricing on the equipment we collect. We now have 5 youth employed in the Recycle program on a regular basis because of the income we are starting to receive. To date we have collected over 60,000lbs of e-waste since January 2010. With the new trailer we will be able to accept a large amount of e-waste to recycle.

Gaming Zone – The new games that were purchased for the Gaming Zone: Company of Heroes; Tales of Valour, Portal, Half Life Two, Team Fortress and Battlefield 1942 have now been installed thanks to the Ingersoll IT department. We have had a few glitches with going online but these bugs are being worked out.

Fusion Recording Studio - The Studio continues to be one of the most popular areas at Fusion. The Music room program and schedule includes piano, guitar and drum lessons. Spoken Word and Studio workshops are also available.

MultiMedia – The Fusion Centre Staff and youth are investigating the opportunity to develop promotional videos for local businesses. These will be done through the Social Enterprise program. Youth will gain employment by getting involved in the multi media projects happening at the centre.

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.

Activity Centre

Girls group – is going strong with 12 girls attending the group each week. On April 23 the girls are getting ready to get their cuts for free at the Fanshawe College Hair Salon. On March 27, 2010 the Oxford County health nurse spoke to the girls about a number of different topics.

Guys Group – after taking a break, guys group is back! On May 26, 2010 10 males met for their first time and discussed what activities, events and fundraisers they want to participate in. On July 17, 2010 guys group will be barbecuing for approximately 200 people at the Cheese Museum.

Fitness Program – every Tuesday and Thursday 10-15 youth are participate in Kickboxing, circuit training and boot camp classes. Fusion staff member Brian Tschirnow who has completed his fitness instructor certification is the program facilitator. Pauline White who is a professional fitness trainer teaches each class and works the youth very hard. This program is seeing great numbers and youth are very excited about this program.

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 facilitates 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 in each class. Thanks to our recent funding we were able to increase the suppliers and get all the appropriate supplies needed for the art room.

Music – We are continuing to have excellent youth participation in the Music program. With Arlen our new staff hire, he now replaced Aaron Turford and is busy doing piano, music and drum lessons. Along with a long list of other programs he is offering.

Sports – With the new sports field expanded and completely resodded, the sports scene is going to explode and is really going to take off. Flag football games, outdoor soccer, and tug of war competitions are just a few of the ongoing activities that the sports field will be hosting. Basketball and dodgeball games are

regularly being played in the gym as well. Approximately 15-20 are participating in recreational sports on a nightly basis.

Lounge – New Games have been purchased for the Gaming Consoles in the lounge. 2 Guitars for Guitar Hero, Metallica (Guitar Hero) Modern Warfare 2, Halo Wars, as well as a new Hard Drive for the XBOX 360 were purchased. A new signing out system has been implemented to ensure these games do not get damaged or stolen.

YEPP (Youth Entrepreneurial Partnership Program)

YEPP has continued to host a monthly **Business Advisory Committee** meetings and the most recent meeting occurred on May 5th, 2010. If you are interested in attending please speak with Lindsay at the Centre.

Skills London Oxford Middlesex Elgin (SLOME) Tradeshow – Fusion was showcasing the activities/programs that are offered to youth to approximately 3,400 students ranging from grades 7-12. Lindsay, Karim, Arlen and Cody were at the tradeshow on March 15, 2010 and it was a huge hit.

Lindsay gave a presentation **on the YEPP program at the Rotary Club for the monthly meeting** and requested funds for the program. The Rotary Club has agreed to fund \$2500 for the program and is eager to assist with the mentorship portion of the program.

We **have received draft copies of the business plans** from the consultant, Nicole Kovaks. These have been kept confidential as there are a few tasks and research to be completed in order for the final plans to be complete by the fall and release publicly.

Over the summer, **Lindsay will be working with Nicole to research some Best Practices** in the areas of interest. These will help to further develop the business plans as well as the training curriculum for the social enterprises.

YEPP held the **first youth Business Team meeting with 17 youth in attendance**. The meeting went well and the youth are eager to help develop the program and give their input.

We have currently **employed seven youth, four of whom are scheduled to work in RebuildIT** on a regular basis. They are helping to sort, load and skid electronics that are collected from Green Tec. They have all had the chance to complete the necessary safety training.

Fusion Food Services catered two successful lunches in May: One at the CAW hall for 30 people and a two day training event for Erie Thames Power for 30 people. Both events went extremely well and we were able to employ a few youth through these events.

A youth has submitted his business plan to the Summer Company program. It is being reviewed and the youth should know in early June if his application has been accepted. Lindsay took this youth to a meeting at the Woodstock and Area Small Business Enterprise Centre and Juanita, the coordinator, gave some incredibly positive feedback about his application and Alex's chances are looking great! If accepted we will have our first youth running their own business.

The RecycleIT program held a special e-waste collection event on May 28-29 in conjunction with Stereoman at the Technology Fair in Woodstock. The event was a huge success as we collected 2 tractor trailers of e-waste and were able to employ 6 youth for the weekend.

4. Community Development and Events

Leon's Friday Night Movie Night – On May 7, 2010 30 youth ate free pizza and watched the blockbuster hit "Avatar" on the big screen in the gym. Every month Leon's donates \$50.00 to order pizza for the monthly movie night.

BOYS 2 Men mentor program – On May 20, 2010 the third and final installment of the mentorship program wrapped up at I.D.C.I. The grade 7 -8 boys toured around the school and had the opportunity to see what the high school scene was all about.

Rib Fest – At the annual Rib Fest Fusion will be hosting several activities for the public to enjoy during Rib Fest. There will be face painting, coconut bowling, limbo contest, hoola hoop contest, pineapple/banana eating contest on a string.

Relay For Life – For the fourth year in a row Fusion youth and staff are walking the track in an attempt to find a cure for cancer. Fusion has also been asked to run Karokee at the Relay as it was a huge success last year.

National Skate boarding Day – On June 21, 2010 across Canada it is National Skateboarding Day, so to celebrate skate park day Fusion will be hosting several skateboard competitions throughout the day.

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 will be taking place on July 14, 2010.

Toronto Blue Jays Game – For a third year in a row Fusion youth will be watching a Blue Jays game from the Upper deck inside the Rogers Centre. The Blue Jays have a record of 0-2 when the Fusion Youth Centre youth attend a game so hopefully this year things will be different. A date for the game has been scheduled as of yet.

Skate board and bike competition – On August 14, 2010 the 3rd Annual Fusion Youth Centre Skate Board & Bike Competition will occur. Fusion Staff members Brian Tschirsow & Cody Masson have already started to contact skate/bike shops across North America for Sponsorship and prizes. Approximately 70 youth participated in the competition last year. This year's competition we are hoping to get close to 100 youth to compete.

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

5. Fusion Youth Centre Development

Fusion Website – The Fusion **website development** is ongoing. We have begun the testing process but it is quite lengthy. The website will be hosted on the County of Oxford server. We have finished the testing phase and are now working on the final changes. The **expected** launch date is mid July depending on how long the final changes take, so keep your fingers crossed it will happen this time. Response Generators in London has donated over \$30,000 in-kind to develop Fusion website, marketing and branding. The delay in the launch of the website comes mainly because of the large scale this website is at. We hope to have some good news for your shortly.

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.

Volunteers at Fusion – Fusion is fortunate to have a number of youth and adult volunteers. We currently have two adult volunteers that are helping out in the Centre. Kevin Ausitn is providing guitar lessons to the

youth 2 days a week. These lessons nicely compliment the drum and piano lessons provided by are Staff member Arlen. Katie Mitchell, a youth alumni, is back for her second summer as a volunteer in our Multimedia program. She is working on the new Fusion Youth Centre video with staff and youth. Katie will be returning to University of Windsor in September to continue her studies in Communications.

The Fusion Business Plan and Social Enterprise Business plans will be ready sometime this fall. We are in the final stages of the creation of these plans. When the Business plan is complete it will be presented to Council for approval.

Fusion has been very busy with several tours a week. Currently we are in talks with 6 other communities that are seriously looking at adapting the Fusion idea. 2 out of the 4 communities we are talking with are in the process of purchasing old schools. Several other speaking engagements are setup for the next couple of months talking to other communities about Fusion.

Tour with RBC on June 16, 2010 at 4pm to request funding for the Fusion Centre

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. We have had a very generous donation of a \$70,000 skate park that was donated free of charge to Fusion. We have a group of staff and youth that will work together over the next couple of months in putting together the new skate park that consists of new steal structured ramps. The hope is that we will replace those ramps in the Skate Park that is necessary and work with the current ramps we have and offer a better layout for the participants. Once complete the Skate Park is going to look amazing.

Launch of the Oxford County Drug Task Force report is on June 10, 2010 at 11am. This includes several youth specific reports. Jason as the Chair has worked with a committee of organization for the past 3 years to get this completed. This launch is a long awaited launch! Looking forward to it.

6. Upcoming meetings and dates to remember

Neighbourhood meetings are hosted every month on the last Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is June 30, 2010

Youth Action Committee meetings are hosted the second Tuesday of the month at Town hall. The next meeting is June 8, 2010 at 3pm

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.

RBC Executive tour/meeting on June 16, 2010 at 4pm at Fusion

Radio Booth Ribbon Cutting- June 28, 2010 at 3pm at Fusion

May 2010 Stats

For the month of May we seen a total of 1555 youth visits to the centre and 16 NEW youth registered and have become Fusion mem