

# Memorandum to the Council of Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

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**Subject:** Parks and Recreation Coordinator Monthly Report - January 2025

**Memo No:** 2025-M-023

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**Attachment:** None

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## Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-023 as presented.

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## Introduction

January was a productive month for the Parks and Recreation Department, with a range of programs and events held at the Temagami Arena. Our efforts continue to focus on enhancing the quality of life for local residents by offering diverse activities, improving facility amenities, and supporting community engagement.

## Arena Activities & Ice Rentals

The Temagami Arena was busy throughout January, providing both recreational and competitive opportunities.

- Ice Rentals & Hockey Skills Sessions
  - Four S.S.K. Hockey Skills sessions provided high-level training for kids from Temagami and New Liskeard.
  - The arena hosted five private ice rentals and two hockey tournaments, attracting participants and spectators from surrounding areas.
- Public Skating & Pickup Hockey
  - Public skating remained popular, with 20 to 35 kids attending on busy days, particularly Fridays.
  - Pickup hockey sessions saw 10 to 16 players participating each session.

## Canteen Revenue

Revenue for January showed steady growth, with a shift towards electronic payments:

- Canteen cash sales: \$1,108.00
- Canteen Square (card transactions): \$890.40

The canteen has also improved by offering healthier snack options with reduced sugar content. The near-equal balance between Square transactions and cash sales reflects a growing preference for electronic payments.

## Facility Improvements & Water Fountain Request

The arena's current water fountain does not provide clean drinking water. Efforts are underway to contact a water company and a private business to explore options for a new fountain to better serve visitors.

## Upcoming Programs & Events

Parks and Recreation is expanding its offerings to engage a broader audience:

- Pickleball and Cornhole Nights
  - Starting in February, these activities will be available in the arena's upstairs hall on select evenings, free for participants.
- Movies for Seniors
  - Starting February 10, senior movie nights will be held at the Bunny Miller Theater, with films selected by the senior center manager.
- Valentine's Day Events
  - Kids' Valentine's Party on the Ice
  - Adult Karaoke Night
- Shiver Fest 2025
  - Planning is underway for this annual winter festival. Parks and Recreation is also seeking donations for a BBQ hosted by Council members and the Mayor as part of the event.

## Conclusion

January was a successful month for the Parks and Recreation Department, with strong community participation in various programs and events at the Temagami Arena. Our focus on providing recreational opportunities, enhancing facility amenities, and fostering community engagement continues to drive positive results. Looking ahead, we are excited to expand our offerings and further strengthen our connection with the community, creating an environment where everyone can thrive and enjoy new experiences.