

Memorandum to the Council of Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Subject: Parks and Recreation Coordinator Monthly Report - February 2025

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Attachment: None

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Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-046 as presented.

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Introduction

February was a dynamic month for the Parks and Recreation Department, with the ice rink playing a central role in community activities. The facility saw increased usage, hosting various hockey events, training sessions, and recreational opportunities. These efforts continue to foster skill development, encourage community participation, and provide a space for both competitive and casual play. As we move into March, our focus remains on expanding these opportunities and enhancing programming for all age groups.

Ice Rink Usage & Events

Throughout February, the ice rink was actively utilized for various programs and events:

- **Hockey Tournaments:** Four (4) tournaments were held, bringing together teams from multiple regions and drawing significant spectator engagement.
- **Hockey Skills Classes:** Four (4) specialized training sessions were conducted by Doug Poirier, providing young athletes with structured skill development.
- **Team Practices:** Eight (8) practices took place, with teams traveling from North Bay to New Liskeard to utilize the facility.
- **Bear Island Youth Visits:** Three (3) visits from Bear Island youth offered participants the opportunity to engage in hockey practice and skill-building exercises, strengthening relationships between communities.

Upcoming Events & March Break Programming

As Shiver Fest 2025 approaches, final preparations are underway to ensure a successful and engaging festival. Additionally, Parks and Recreation is organizing a variety of activities for March Break, designed to offer fun and inclusive opportunities despite the rink's full rental schedule. Planned activities include:

- **Public Skating and Sticks & Pucks Sessions:** Open ice times for casual skating and informal hockey practice.

- Human Bowling on Ice: A unique and entertaining activity where participants slide on the ice in a game resembling bowling.
- Movie Screenings at the Bunny Miller Theater:
 - Specially curated films for seniors, providing a relaxed and social environment.
 - Family-friendly movies for children and parents to enjoy together.

Canteen Revenue

The canteen continued to see strong sales in February, reflecting sustained patronage and an ongoing shift towards electronic transactions:

- Total Deposits: \$1,652.00
- Square Transactions: \$1,432.12, indicating a growing preference for digital payments.
- Square Fees Paid: \$26.71, with fees remaining below 2%, making Square the most cost-effective payment method available.

Conclusion

February was marked by high levels of engagement at the ice rink, with a variety of events catering to different skill levels and community groups. Looking ahead, we anticipate a successful Shiver Fest 2025 and an engaging March Break lineup. Our goal remains to provide inclusive, accessible, and enjoyable programming that enhances recreational experiences for all residents.