

Memorandum to the Council of Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Subject: Parks and Recreation Coordinator Monthly Report - April 2025

Memo No: 2025-M-117

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Attachment: None

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Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-117 as presented.

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1. Arena and Ice Season Wrap-Up

- The 2024–2025 arena ice season concluded in April, highlighted by the final hockey camp which hosted 48 youth participants from across the region, including North Bay and Englehart. The season overall featured:
 - Over 100 hockey games
 - Two hockey camps
 - The Temagami Hockey 3-on-3 Tournament
- These events collectively welcomed more than 7,500 attendees, representing a significant increase in community participation and utilization of the arena.
- On April 24, the ice surface was removed with assistance from the Public Works Department. Subsequent cleaning included pressure washing of the arena slab, boards, and glass panels to prepare the facility for spring and summer use.

2. Facility Maintenance and Upgrades

- Playground inspections are currently underway to ensure compliance with applicable safety standards.
- A new water fountain, generously donated by OCWA, is expected to arrive soon at the Temagami Community Centre. Installation will proceed upon arrival, along with the new scoreboard.
- A Fire Safety Plan for the Community Centre was originally approved in 2006. In 2015, the Fire Department identified the benefit of updating the plan to reflect evolving building use and fire safety standards. The update process began in 2024 and remains ongoing as part of regular facility and safety planning. This work is actively ongoing and will continue into May 2025.

3. Youth Program Development

- Initial outreach has been made to a goaltender skills program, with the goal of offering specialized training sessions for youth in our region as part of a long-term strategy to enhance local recreational programming.
- Next week, letters will be distributed to local businesses offering the opportunity to advertise by renting rink boards for the 2025–2026 ice season.

4. Upcoming Programs and Events (May–June 2025)

Planning and coordination are underway for the following spring and early summer programs and events, designed to engage a wide range of age groups:

- Canada Day celebrations
- Baseball field bleacher repairs in advance of a summer tournament
- Senior programs hosted at the Chalet
- Arena Movie Nights using a 30-foot inflatable screen (pilot program before potential expansion)
- Cornhole games
- Pickleball sessions
- NHL Street Hockey and Ball Hockey events
- Roller skate party
- Papier-mâché craft workshops at the Chalet
- Geocache installations near the Temagami Fire Tower to attract family participation across Northern Ontario