



**Date:** January 24, 2022  
**To:** Council  
**cc:** Kim Ramsay, CAO  
**From:** Alana Tapper, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture  
**Re:** PRC Quarterly Report - October 2022 - December 2022

### OVERVIEW

This report brings forward deliverables from the Parks, Recreation and Culture workplan for the third quarter of the 2022/23 fiscal year.

### PARKS & OPEN SPACES

- Completed the park design for the Kiln Creek Central Park.
- Secured an easement for a future walkway across the Elmsdale Fire Department property.
- Acquired 14+ acres of open space lands in Lakelands.
- Completed the installation of the playground at Shubenacadie River Park.
- Installed new park signs at Burntcoat Head Park, Shubenacadie River Park and Dawson Dowell Park.
- Installed additional hand railings at Burntcoat Head Park.
- Replaced a section of the Courthouse Hill fence.
- Completed extensive tree clean up at park spaces across the Municipality from Hurricane Fiona.
- Provincial Community Grant projects:
  - Walton Flood Protection work is delayed until 2023.
  - Hants North Trails project is 95% complete.
  - Nine Mile River Trails project going out for tender in January.

### LEMC

- Exterior lights capital project completed.

### EHAC

- Splash Pad fenced off for ice safety.
- New light installed around exterior back fence to keep area well lit.

### SPORTSPLEX

- Onsite work for the Facility Condition Assessment is complete and document is in draft form.

### TOURISM

- Tourism sites closed for the season on October 15.
- Total combined attendance at Burntcoat Head Park and the Fundy Tidal Interpretive Centre was over 50,000 people; a recovery to pre-pandemic levels.
- Burntcoat Head Park met gift shop revenue goal of \$31,000.
- Attended the Tourism Association of Nova Scotia conference in Halifax.
- Created and posted the 2023 Tide Schedule for Burntcoat Head Park and the Tidal Bore Schedule for Dawson Dowell and Fundy Tidal Interpretive Centre.
- Submitted updates for the (virtual) 2023 Doers & Dreamers Guide for the tourism sites.
- Worked with IS to install Google analytics onto Burntcoatheadpark.com to track web traffic.
- Received news of acceptance into the Voice of the Visitor research program by Tourism Nova Scotia; we will be able to submit a few research questions to Tourism NS' past visitor panel of 100,000+ past visitors.

- Submitted a multi-year grant application to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' Habitat Stewardship Program, related to conservation and eco-tourism programming related to the Atlantic Mud-Piddock Habitat at Burntcoat.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### Information and Statistics

The Community Development Coordinator continued to work with a variety of community groups. Assistance was offered in a number of areas including bylaw development, funding sources, grant application support, program creation, non-profit registry of joint stocks registration assistance, asset transfers, project planning, and volunteer recruitment.

- Community Development e-newsletter Event Update sent in October to 117 subscribers.
- Virtual Volunteer Fair launched on municipal website with listings for community groups seeking volunteer with 14 organizations are listed.
- Volunteer Networking Event held in November in Enfield with 23 participants representing more than 15 different community organizations.
- Community Meeting was held in November at Rawdon District Fire Hall to discuss the Centre Rawdon Community Hall after severe damage from vehicle collision.
- Community Development Coordinator attended Hants North Food Bank official opening celebration in October and East Hants Historical Society AGM in November.

### Grants Processed

#### General Government Grant

- C.O.A.T Association, \$2000
- Caring and Sharing Foodbank (Enfield), \$1000
- Hants North Food Bank, \$1000
- Indian Brook Food Bank, \$1000
- Shumilacke Food Bank Society, \$1000
- Uniacke Wish Givers (Uniacke and District Jr. Fire Department Emergency Fund), \$1000
- Kids Action Program (Angel Tree Program), \$1000

#### Community Partnership Fund

- East Hants Sports Heritage Society, \$6000
- Kids Action (Annapolis Valley-Hants Community Action Program), \$10,000

## AQUATICS

The East Hants Aquatic Centre had a successful fall season. With 889 people registered in programming, it was one of our busiest seasons yet! Additionally, the East Hants Stingrays continued their fall maintenance program, and we had bookings from the Shearwater Swim Team and Hants Kids Action.

- Since October, the team has hired 4 Assistant Lifeguards, 3 Assistant Lifeguards became swim instructors and 4 became lifeguards. Two (2) of our current staff members were made Team Leads.
- In the fall, all of our birthday parties were booked with a total of 66 held at the Aquatic Centre.
- Seven (7) staff members took the Lifesaving Examiners Course, helping grow the Aquatics Leadership capacity and opening up the opportunity for these individuals to take other advanced leadership courses.
- All staff became WHMIS certified.
- There were 15 people enrolled in lessons through our inclusion program.

<b>Fall Lesson Totals</b>	<b>Total: 889</b>
<b>Parent &amp; Tot</b>	<b>Total: 177</b>
Parent & Tot 1	53
Parent & Tot 2	58
Parent & Tot 3	66
<b>Preschool</b>	<b>Total: 154</b>
Preschool 1	40
Preschool 2	40
Preschool 3	40
Preschool 4	19
Preschool 5	15
<b>Swimmer</b>	<b>Total: 372</b>
Swimmer 1 Beginner	65
Swimmer 1 Advanced	71
Swimmer 2	59
Swimmer 3	53
Swimmer 4	36
Swimmer 5	34
Swimmer 6	23
Swimmer 7	15
Swimmer 8 / 9	16
<b>Privates</b>	<b>Total: 56</b>
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<b>Adult Lessons</b>	<b>Total: 12</b>
Adult Privates	2
Adult 1	4
Adult 2	4
Adult 3	2
<b>Leadership Programming</b>	<b>Total: 50</b>
Jr. Lifeguards	6
Bronze Star	9
Bronze Medallion	11
Bronze Cross	5
Swim Instructor	4
National Lifeguard	5
National Lifeguard Recert	3
Lifesaving Examiners Course	7
<b>Sport Programming</b>	<b>Total: 33</b>
Swim Fit Beginner	8
Swim Fit Advanced	7
Multisport Beginner	11
Multisport Advanced	4
Lifesaving Sport	3
<b>Adult Fitness</b>	<b>Total: 35</b>
Water Walking	20
Bootcamp Blast	15

## RECREATION

- The Mount Uniacke Recreation Strategy work began in November when contract was awarded. In December, the Mount Uniacke Recreation Engagement Survey was launched online for resident feedback.

- Staff started having discussions with CCRCE on community use of schools and developing a joint use agreement. Future meetings are set to occur to continue discussions on this topic in 2023.

#### In-service Day Camps @ East Hants Aquatic Centre

- October 28, 2022 16 Participants (full)
- November 10, 2022 15 Participants
- November 25, 2022 16 Participants (full)

#### Holiday Splash Half Day Camps @ East Hants Aquatic Centre

- December 21, 2022 6 Participants
- December 22, 2022 15 Participants
- December 23, 2022 16 Participants

### Community Grants

Total Fund 2022-2023: \$33,000

Funds Granted: \$24,456 (74%)

Total Remaining: \$8,544 (26%)

Recreation Operating: \$19,963 (82%)

Event Hosting: \$593 (9%)

Rec Programming: \$1,300 (10%)

Group	Approved	Grant	Grant Description
Bell Park Development Assoc	\$1,500	Rec Operating	Trail Maintenance
Chart Society	\$1,500	Rec Operating	Insurance
Lions Memorial Park Society	\$1,500	Rec Operating	Park Maintenance
Milford Recreation Assoc	\$1,500	Rec Operating	Grounds Maintenance
East Hants Youthlinks	\$1,500	Rec Operating	Insurance
Elmsdale Beautification Soc.	\$1,500	Rec Operating	Insurance & Park Maintenance
Lantz Recreation Society	\$1,500	Rec Operating	Insurance
Shubenacadie Hay Days Soc.	\$593	Event Hosting	Canada Day Event & Event Insurance
Enfield, Elmsdale & Dist. Lions Club	\$1,500	Rec Operating	Insurance
EH Horne School Preservation Society	\$1,500	Rec Operating	Insurance/ Repairs & Maintenance
Off Leash East Hants Society	\$ 1,500	Rec Operating	Insurance
Hants North U18AAA Jays	\$700	Rec Programming	Travel to Nationals in Alberta 7 EH Players
Nova Scotia Canada Games Men's Fastpitch	\$600	Rec Programming	Travel to Canada Games in Ontario, 6 EH Players
East Hants Family Resource Centre	\$1,488	Rec Operating	Insurance
Nova Scotia 4-H	\$250	Event Hosting	Shumil 4-H host Tug-o-war Provincials
East Hants Curling Assoc.	\$250	Event Hosting	Community Open House
Tri-County Basketball Assoc.	\$1,000	Rec Programming	Purchase Equipment for expansion
Canoe Kayak NS	\$575	Rec Operating	Insurance for Meek Rd Launch
East Hants Crime Prevention	\$500	Event Hosting	Christmas Parade Insurance

Group	Approved	Grant	Grant Description
East Gore Community Hall	\$1,500	Rec Operating	Funding for Heat Pump install
Shubenacadie Fire	\$250	Event Hosting	Fireworks - Community Tree Lighting
Inner Strength TKD- Jonah Priddle	\$100	Rec Programming	TWD Nationals in Toronto
Shubenacadie Comm Development Assoc.	\$1,400	Rec Operating	Insurance
Milford Recreation Assoc/	\$250	Event Hosting	Milford Meltdown
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,456</b>		