



Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Gary Geraldi, Director of Parks and Recreation / Waste Management
Date: June 9, 2026
Subject: May 2026 Activity Report

Recommendation:

Monthly Activity Reports are intended for information purposes.

Background:

Departmental Activity Reports were created to keep the Mayor and Council Members informed of recent general activity in the preceding month. These reports are not meant to be comprehensive or include day to day operational duties, they are a high-level overview.

Analysis:

The following is an activity report from the Parks and Recreation, Waste Management and Facility Maintenance Departments for the month of May 2026.

This is a General Activity Report and as mentioned, it does not include day-to-day activities, regular rental activities, private rentals and responsibilities/duties pertaining to customer service and facility operational/maintenance. This is merely an overview in point-form format and topics can be expanded, upon request.

Parks and Recreation

Facility Maintenance

A plethora of Municipal facility maintenance items were completed by staff in May, some scheduled and some unscheduled. A few of the items included:

- Spider and pest control spray at NKCC, WPCC and GACC.
- WPCC and Woodview Library Garden maintenance and entrance cleaning/maintenance.
- Exterior door painting at Woodview Library.



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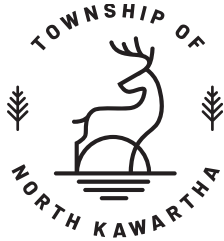
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- Winter recovery and thorough clean of Chandos Beach property, including removal of goose feces, litter and debris.
- Winter recovery and thorough clean and maintenance of Wilson Park.
- All Municipal facility and generator inspections were successfully completed.
- The new commercial zero-turn mower and landscaping trailer was received and much appreciated by staff. And staff installed specialized racks on the landscaping trailer for the safe transportation and storage of hand-held equipment.

Special Events:

NKCC, WPCC and GACC - In addition to regular programming of the community centre banquet halls, all three community centres also had several private rentals for birthday parties and anniversaries in May. In addition to those rentals, a few other notable special events included:

- **May 1, 2 and 3rd** – Final Lions Home Show set-up and preparation was held on May 1st, followed by a very busy weekend, and a super successful Lions Home Show that had over 1000 visitors to the NKCC! A big thanks to all the vendors and congratulations again to the Lions and their hardworking volunteers!
 - **May 5th** – The Wilson Park Tennis and Pickleball courts open-up for the season. The NK Pickleball Club and the NK Tennis Club began their organized play.
 - **May 8th** – The Township provided space at the NKCC to the Lakelands Public Health Unit and brought back the low-cost Rabies Clinic to North Kawartha.
 - **May 11th** – The AMHA held their AGM, elections and planning for the upcoming 2026/2027 season at the NKCC.
 - **May 11th** – The youth lacrosse and basketball programs started on Monday evenings at the NKCC.
 - **May 12** – The youth pickleball program started on Tuesday evenings at the NKCC.
 - **May 13** – The youth ball hockey program started on Wednesday evenings at the NKCC.
 - **May 21** – The youth soccer program started on Thursday evenings at the Lions Park. Note, the soccer program start was delayed due to field condition.
- Note:** The Parks and Recreation Dept. continues to maintain and improve its excellent inventory of youth activities in the spring (Mon. to Thurs.) followed by the youth summer softball and swim programs.
- **May 25** – Our adult 3-Pitch season started at WPCC and Lions Park.



Waste Department:

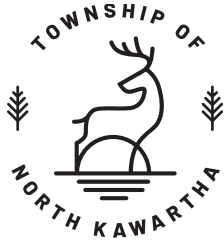
- **Recycling** – As previously reported, the Township was not receiving the monthly recycling weights for curbside and transfer station collection. This included all Municipalities, not just NK.
Through discussion, it was decided that CM would have Municipalities complete a NDA for release of recycling weights. The recycling weights are an important component of Municipal annual diversion calculations and are often required when completing annual MECP reports.
- **Non-Eligible Recycling** – The I.C.& I. recycling bins are getting busier and due to their large size and open top, we are discovering that they can become contaminated much easier without constant monitoring. Therefore, staff is making a concerted effort to monitor these bins closely and educate businesses on the sorting guidelines.
- **The Provincial Day of Action on Litter** - As reported to Council, the Township once again promoted and participated in Ontario's 7th annual Provincial Day of Action on Litter.

HR / Training:

- **May 11th** - Nick Goble our summer P&R Labourer and Transfer Station Attendant started and began some detailed training. Nick received transfer station and best practices training and later in the month he was trained on the importance of detailed park and beach inspections and recognizing sharps and/or deficiencies.
- **May 19th** – Anna Kascak started as our new PT Administration Assistant. Anna was very busy in week one and made excellent progress in completing her rigorous onboarding and training schedule. Anna has already proved to be an excellent addition to our Team and her contributions have already made a noticeable difference.
- **May 19th** – Shawn Tucker completed training on playground and park asset inspection and maintenance.

Financial Implications:

N/A



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Strategic and/or Other Plans:

Infrastructure

1. Ensure that the existing infrastructure is sustained reflective of the Asset Management Plan.

Governance

1. Provide Quality Community Programs and Services.
2. Provide effective, clear and transparent Township Communication.

Environment

1. Promote Responsible Environmental Stewardship.

Consultant(s) Sourced:

Shawn Tucker, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

Attachment:

None.