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Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Gary Geraldi, Director of Parks and Recreation / Waste Management
Date: May 13, 2025
Subject: April 2025 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 of items separate from regular duties.

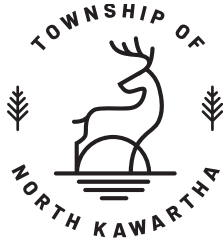
Analysis:

The following is an activity report from the Parks and Recreation, Waste Management and Facility Maintenance Departments for the month of April 2025.

This is a General Activity Report and as mentioned, it does not include day-to-day activities, customer service responsibilities or regular operational duties.

Parks and Recreation

- Apr. 1 - We sealed ice-paint that migrated to the surface.
- Once the migrated ice-paint was sealed we began to build some ice on top in prep for Skating Show practice and Show.
 - Continued with Municipal facility inspections following the ice-storm.
 - Maintained regular operating hours at the NKCC (6am to 9pm), and as a warming centre for those in need. Provided free showers, phone charging, drinking water, etc.
- April 2 - We established ¼ inch of ice above the sealed ice paint.
- Completed inspections on all Facilities, Parks and Beaches following the



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ice-storm damage.

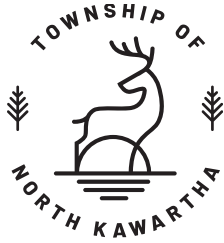
- April 3 - We were able to safely re-open the NKCC ice-surface and the Skating Club was able to continue with their scheduled practice before the Saturday Show.
- April 4 - The set-up for the Annual Slating Carnival/Show took place. This is a large undertaking by staff and volunteers.
 - The Skating Club held their final practice and dress rehearsal before the show.
- April 5 - NK Skating Club Annual Show/Carnival (Disney presents "Be Our Guest"). Our Skating Instructor, Daina Greene, P&R Staff, Volunteers and our Mayor as MC on the mic, did a fabulous job and I received many positive comments from parents and spectators, especially with many still fighting the damage left from the ice-storm.
 - A private rental (Baby Shower) was held at GACC.
- April 8 - NKCC ice-surface removal begins. Unlike many community arenas, my established best practice for ice removal does not use heavy equipment or have backhoe buckets touch the concrete ice surface.
- April 9 - Although spring/summer sport registration can be done online or in advance by hard copy or email, we still hold a Sports Registration night that is always very popular. It also enables us to answer questions and search for volunteers.
- April 14 - We officially shut-down the refrigeration plant and had the Cimco Technician perform spring maintenance and summer shut-down procedures.
 - Following the above, staff worked diligently to ensure all remaining ice, containing ice-paint, was removed from the surface before melting.
 - The jockey pump for the sprinkler system failed, which required an emergency visit from Troy Life & Safety. The jockey pump maintains water pressure in the sprinkler system, in the event of an emergency. We established an overnight plan.



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- April 15- Troy returned in the morning with a temporary jockey pump set-up that will maintain the required sprinkler system pressure. A replacement pump was ordered, as they are not an off-the-shelf pump.
- Battye Mechanical returned to diagnose the one arena fan we had fixed last year, as it started to make some mechanical type noises. Unfortunately, the gear-box has now failed, but there is no guarantee that relacing the gear-drive will correct the issue. Therefore, we are seeking alternatives from the manufacturer, as replacing the gear-drive is \$5,000. with no guaranteed fix.
 - The ABC Seniors held an Executive meeting in MPR.
- April 16- Community Care set-up in the NKCC lobby and held a free blood pressure clinic.
- The NK Library presented 'Canadian Film Day' in the NKCC banquet hall.
- April 18- The WPCC was used from April 18th to April 21st (Easter Weekend) for the advanced polling station.
- April 22- Mobile Service Ontario visited the NKCC at set-up directly outside of the main entrance.
- April 22- We held the last registration night at the NKCC for spring/summer youth sports.
- In April we posted the summer job positions in P&R and Waste, and we were fortunate to receive an excellent response. After scoring resumes, we began interviews on April 22nd.
- April 25- A Celebration of Life was held at the GACC.
- Another certified Hunting Course was held at the WPCC from April 25th to 27th.
 - We set-up and held the annual AMHA Hockey Awards on NKCC ice surface floor and we used the banquet hall. It was a very well attended and busy night.
- April 28- The Federal Election polling stations were held at all three community centres.
- I continued with summer position interviews and through our process we are delighted to announce that, Steven Smy and Crystal King, are two



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new summer P&R/Waste employees. You may see them in the transfer station soon or watering flowers in the near future, so please say Hi. And we are also happy to welcome Ryan Daly as our new P&R part-time Attendant/Labourer. I am sure you will see Ryan at the NKCC soon.

Waste Department:

- April 1- Implemented Waste Management Debris Plan for ice-storm debris and food waste. Continued with timely information for News Releases.
- April 18- Submitted additional Survey information to CMO as requested, pertaining to our Transfer Stations and their decisions and plans for 2026.
- April 30- Met with our Environmental Consultant from WSP for a review and summary of all closed landfill site and transfer annual reports. There are no red-flags. We have a late summer meeting to implement a plan that will request from the MECP Technical Director, reduced monitoring requirements at a couple of old sites.

Financial Implications:

Ice-Storm expense and capital expense from unplanned equipment failure.

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, Program Coordinator / Administrative Assistant.

Attachment:

None.