



# Municipal District of St. Stephen

## INFORMATIONAL REPORT

### Report: Community Services Report November 2024

To: Jeff Renaud, Chief Administrative Officer  
From: Kev Sumner, Director of Community Services  
Resource Staff: Aaron Muzzatti, Jeremy McShane & Michelle Vest  
Date of Meeting: November 27, 2024  
Subject: Community Services – November 2024

**Recommendation: That Council Accept this report for informational purposes.**

#### **Community Services & Parks Monthly Report**

Unbudgeted Expense item – The GCC – Arena Equipment Repair & Maintenance budget line will be over budget in 2024 as we had the GCC’s main pump fail when a seal broke. The repairs cost \$15,732 (inc. HST). The GCC Meeting & Conference Room’s General Maintenance & Repairs budget line is also over budget due to upgrades to our audio/visual equipment and another heat pump upgrade above the Pool Viewing Room, this invoice came to \$3,412.51.

The drilling work planned for Chocolate Park that was due to be carried out on November 20th has been delayed due to equipment failure. We have seen an increased amount of anti-social behaviour at the GCC. As a result, we have had to exclude several users and give warnings to those that are not members plus we will increase security at the SSHS events as several students have been harassing staff and vandalizing the building. The Chocolate Park bandstand has once again seen damage. The Radon kit clinic took place on Nov 12<sup>th</sup> at the GCC and was a great success; there are still a few kits that remain (see the photo of Patty from our events staff with the kits).

#### **Aquatics – Aaron Muzzatti**

The free after school aquatic program (ASAP) was renewed for January 6-June 19, with 12 of 16 slots already being filled. Swimming lessons conclude on November 30<sup>th</sup>, with the winter session registration opening on December 9. Swimmers registering in December for the winter session (starting in January 2025) will pay the 2024 rates as an “early bird” registration fee prior to any pricing changes to come in 2025. All registrations after January 1, 2025, will be subject to the new rates. Our first assistant instructor course (scheduled for December 21 & 22) opened to the public to engage younger individuals with swimming lessons.

### **Facility Maintenance – Jeremy McShane**

Ongoing preventative maintenance continues within GCC, replacement bulbs for the lights within the lobby have been installed and new ones for the arena will be budgeted for in 2025. Even with the absence of the Irishmen team the ice schedule remains busy, sadly the weekly adult pick up hockey bookings (Thurs & Sunday nights) have been cancelled as they are struggling to attract players. Jeremy has been meeting with security companies to get quotes for the Maxwell Crossing pumphouse. The RCMP detachment has seen a fall clean up and their steps/ramps repaired.

### **Events – Michelle Vest, Events Coordinator:**

We have added a Request for Decision item to the November Council meeting report; this is relating to the Visitor Information Center (VIC) Working Group and the recommendations that the group would like to propose to Council.

### **Future Events:**

- a) November 7<sup>th</sup>– SNRSC Job Fair at the Garcelon (changed from 1<sup>st</sup>)
- b) November 29<sup>th</sup> – Christmas in Milltown 6pm
- c) November 30<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Craft Market @ Legion 10-3
- d) November 30<sup>th</sup> – Milltown Christmas Market @ St. Patrick’s Hall 11-4
- e) December – Pole decorating contest sponsored by MDSS Events department (more details to follow)
- f) December 6<sup>th</sup> – 6pm – It’s a Charlotte County Christmas Parade
- g) December 7<sup>th</sup> – 11am – 1:30pm – Arts and Crafts with Mrs. Claus and Santa’s Arrival
- h) December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>– Christmas in our Town sponsored by IWK
- i) Hockey Tournaments:
  - 1. December 6-8 SSSH Lady Spartans Tournament
  - 2. December 13-15 Rob Gullison Tournament
  - 3. January 3-5 Doug MacDonald Tournament
  - 4. February 14-16 Jamboree Tournament
  - 5. March 14-16 Day of Champions Tournament
  - 6. April 4-6 – Ice Dogs Tournament
  - 7. April 18-19 – Ice Dogs Tournament

