

September 2022 Report
Report Type: Recreation Report

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Operations Report:

The Van Raay and Community Swimming pool is winterized for the season. We saw many successes this year internally with our employees as well as externally with our programming. Swimming lessons were fully booked all season and we are brainstorming ideas on how we can accommodate more lesson sets throughout the summer.

The Summer Programming partnership with Small Steps Early Learning Center was a hit this year! Many kids came out to this program daily whether they were pre-registered or dropping in. We are planning on continuing this partnership moving forward as we heard a lot of positive feedback from parents and the staff. There are always a few things we need to improve on so Melanie Gamble from Small Steps and myself sat down with our team leaders and collected information on things that could be improved for next year. That list was MUCH smaller than the positive feedback we acquired. Thank you to our summer programming staff for creating a fun, educational and safe environment for the youth in our community, without them this program would not have run as smoothly as it did.

The Jim Kook RecPlex is gearing up to start making skating and curling ice. We had Living Sky Refrigeration in the first week of September to check on the ice plants to ensure they are ready to operate for the season. We are aiming to begin making skating ice at the end of September and curling ice after the thanksgiving weekend in October. This year we are wanting to get all ice surfaces installed along with ice maintenance training done prior to user groups beginning so our current and new staff feel confident to perform their work duties efficiently and safely.

Management Report:

We have completed the hiring process for the Recreation and Community Development Assistant and would like to welcome Whitney Greig to the team! We also completed the hiring process for the Recreation Caretaker position and would like to welcome Sara Hein (Mellen) to the team full time! You might have seen her out and about this summer working on beautifying our community. We are still in the hiring process for a full-time recreation labourer and are hoping to have that position filled before ice making begins. We are currently in the process of hiring a kitchen manager, kitchen staff and a casual student recreation labourer.