

Recreation Complex Newsletter

Welcome to our First Newsletter

We hope that you will enjoy this bi-monthly newsletter where we will be providing you with information about all areas of the Recreation Department, including updates on the upcoming renovation and expansion of the Recreation Complex, programming, upcoming events, pool & fitness centre information and question and answers to our operation.

We look forward to hearing from you if you have any suggestions on what you would like to see in our upcoming Newsletters.

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Watch this section for more updates regarding the Dryden Recreation Complex renovations!

Renovations and Expansion

Ideas and requirements have been discussed with JML Engineering and we are one step closer to getting detailed drawings.

Our main focus for Phase 1 will be the development of new change rooms for Arena #2.

Phase 2 will be the renovation of the current change rooms between Arena #1 and Arena #2.

Phase 3 will focus on a second storey to allow for more space in

the lobby area. Fitness centre enthusiasts will be happy to hear this involves moving the weight room upstairs.

We have hired consultant Mike Furlong to write various grants to assist in obtaining required funds for the detailed drawings and the construction of the facility. We are strongly encouraging our Partners to get on board as without your support this necessary change will not become a reality.



Recreation and Leisure Strategic Plan 2013

The Recreation Department took part in a two day strategic planning session on March 31 & April 1, 2008. The Strategic Plan has been developed to provide clear and focused direction to assist with identifying areas for development, growth and streamlining our operation.

In preparation for this planning, the Recreation Department identified various stakeholder groups both internal and external who could provide important information necessary to

determine a realistic and practical future direction for the Department. Both the response to this request and the information gathered provided valuable information for consideration to the development of the Strategic Plan.

The City of Dryden has many partners that we work with to provide Leisure and Recreation opportunities and we have defined **Partners** as “any individual and or group involved with the Recreation Department”.

The areas that the Recreation Department is set to build on include: creating community pride, positive partnerships, improving current infrastructure, and developing new leisure and recreation opportunities.

Look for further updates regarding the Recreation and Leisure Strategic Plan in upcoming newsletters.



Vision Statement

“Our Vision for 2013 is The City of Dryden Recreation Department is committed to creating new growth and improved infrastructure, which fosters an engaged and healthy community”

Purpose

“The City of Dryden Recreation Department provides Recreation and Leisure opportunities to all citizens of Dryden and surrounding areas to improve their quality of life, health, and well being.”

Share Your Events

Upcoming Events

If your organization or group is having an event we would be happy to have you share it with us.

This space will be available for local organizations and groups to post upcoming events, share success stories and their pictures.

Email: knickle@dryden.ca

MooseFest

June 27 - July 6

WaterWalker Filmfest 2008

July 3 & 4 - doors open at 6:30 p.m. at the Centre

PWT

August 13 - 15

Remember to check out our skateboard park and trails this summer in North Dryden!

Pool & Fitness Centre

Summer Fun at the Pool Summer Youth Pool Pass

The Summer Youth Pool Pass is back! For a low fee, our 6 - 18 year old patrons gain access to all Public Fun Swims and the Courts for the whole summer! That means over 80 opportunities to cool off, have fun, and meet friends!



Annual Maintenance Shutdown

Towards the end of June, an eager staff crew will once again be hard at work to bring the Centre into tip-top shape.

The Pool area will undergo some major scrubbing and scraping to shine and sparkle **on opening day, July 6th**, when Summer hours go into effect.

Summer Hours of Operation beginning July 5

Last year, the majority of patrons adjusted well to the slightly reduced hours of operation for the Fitness Centre during the summer months.

Summer Hours

Monday - Friday

6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Effective July 5 - August 31

Summer Swimming Lessons

Red Cross Swim Kids

Session 1: **July 7 - July 18, 2008**

Session 2: **Aug. 11 - Aug. 22, 2008**

Red Cross Swim Preschool

July 21 - August 1, 2008

Programming

For anyone who has been watching what goes on at the Recreation Department you will have seen that Shannon, our Recreation Programmer, has been very busy.

New ideas and programs have been developed, including the Dryden Canoe & Kayak Club with various courses and kayak/canoe rentals. The Community Garden is bustling with activity from community rental plots to programming for gardening enthusiasts. Also new, various weekly children's activities that are currently running and will continue this fall.

This summer, look for new programs such as:

Counselors in Training (CIT):

Created for younger teens ages 12 -14. This program focuses on team building & leadership skills, game strategy skills, communication skills, and most importantly, FUN! These skills will be demonstrated through sports, team building exercises, and a chance to coordinate activities for Camp Prospect.

Canoe & Kayak Rentals

Located at Government Dock in the Claybanks Marina building starting in early July.

Rotary Skateboard Park

Look for special events and learn the skills of skateboarding, coming soon.

Cultural Mapping

Watch out for taping and interviews of local residents and Dryden's Culture activities.

Camp Prospect

Will be held for seven weeks beginning July 7 at Pronger Park. Staff are anxious to have another exciting summer of games, crafts and more!

JUNE 2008 SCHEDULE

- June 19 - July 5 - Pool Shutdown
- June 27 - MooseFest Starts
- Farmer's Market - Community Garden
 - 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- June 28 - Canoe & Kayak Demo's - Government Dock 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- June 29 - Canoe & Kayak Demo's - Government Dock 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- June 30 - NLS Recert
- Camp Prospect Training Begins



Tickets Available at
the Dryden
Recreation Complex

JULY 2008 SCHEDULE

- July 3 - WaterWalker Film Festival - The Centre
- Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
 - NLS Course Begins
- July 4 - WaterWalker Film Festival - The Centre
- Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
- July 5 - Ring Masters Wrestling 2008 - Dryden Memorial Arena - Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- July 6 - POOL OPEN - Summer Hours
- July 7 - Week 1: Camp Prospect and Counsellor In Training (CIT)
- Red Cross Swimming Lessons Session 1
- July 14 - Week 2: Camp Prospect and CIT
- Scuba Diving Courses Start
- July 21 - Week 3: Camp Prospect and CIT
- Red Cross Swim Preschool Session 1
- July 22 - Summer Ice Begins
- July 26 - August 1 - Puckmasters Hockey School
- July 28 - Week 4: Camp Prospect and CIT

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. Why can patrons not use the sauna at the Pool & Fitness Centre all the time?

A. In our facility, the sauna is accessed from the pool deck. To comply with Ontario Health Regulations, patrons can only enter the pool area when a lifeguard is on duty. All access doors must be locked when the pool is not open to the public. The sauna is also closed during lessons, as the Instructors are taking care of their individual classes while the general areas on the pool deck are unsupervised. A sauna schedule is available at the Front Desk for patrons who wish to include a sauna in their workout.