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RECREATION SERVICES UPDATE Summer/Fall 2009



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- Today's purpose is to provide to Council a snapshot of current Recreation activities and events for the Summer/Fall of 2009.



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Registrations – Summer 2009



Aquatics – 7,268 participants - 7% decrease over 2008, however Centennial pool was closed

Camps – 11, 293 participants – 7% increase over 2008

Programs – 4,457 participants – 13% increase over 2008

Group Fitness – 1,779 participants – 3% decrease over 2008

Fitness Memberships – Centennial 2075 / Thornhill 1,478 = 3,553 membership – maintained numbers from 2008 – Renewals at both clubs are above projected numbers for 2009 ; Centennial 141 and Thornhill – 144

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Staffing



- Summer 2009 – summer students hired
 - Aquatics – hired 149 staff – less due to Centennial Pool closed
 - Camps – 225 staff
- Fall 2009 – 846 part-time staff delivering services town-wide in Recreation
 - Aquatics – 301
 - Programs – 359
 - Facilities – 151
 - Fitness – 59
 - Seniors - 13

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Aquatics

- Milliken Pool staff hosted a Slide-a-thon which raised over \$1,000 for the Lifesaving Society's drowning prevention campaign during July and August
- 264 grade three students will participate in the Swim to Survive program due to the grant received to support the program
- 60 new staff were hired for the Fall session



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Aquatics cont'd

- Markham Lifesaving Club
- Introduced a Youth division which has attracted 66 participants to date
- Staff lifeguard teams participated in 4 major competitions :
 - Ontario Lifesaving Championship Pool;
 - Ontario Lifesaving Response Championship ;
 - Ontario Lifesaving Championship – Waterfront and Canadian Lifeguard Pool Championship
- Overall Lifesaving Club is ranked 5th in the Province



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Community Engagement

- Offered a new drop-in summer program at Cedarwood School located in the south east of Markham which attracted 40 participants a week; School Board offered summer school program for English and Math in conjunction with the day camp
- Staff and MYTF, Milliken on the Move Seniors participated in the Unionville parade distributing over 10,000 free swim passes
- Eighteen schools designated as healthy schools and offering a variety of after school programs in partnership with the Parent Councils, School and Public Health
- 10 schools participating in Learn to Skate program
- 33 schools participating in Learn to Swim program



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Community Engagement

- Seniors centres/clubs partnered with the following groups to offer programs/services to the seniors; Canadian Hearing Society; Evergreen Hospice, Shoppers Drug Mart and Healthcare; Chats; the following retirement homes, Rouge Valley, Del Manor, Amica, Sunrise, Glynwood and Gibson, Valley Vista; Care for Seniors; Public Health, York Region Police, Golden Griddle, Planet Organic
- Staff continue to facilitate a Special Needs Advisory Committee whose membership is made up of parents of the persons living with disabilities
- Milliken Children's Festival – 520 youth volunteers; approximately 27,000 participants and featured over 45 activities



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Programs/Camps

- Markham Sports Camp featured a Tennis week with support of the Rogers Cup – campers participated in a round robin and winners were awarded Rogers Cup tickets
- 200 campers from across town participated on August 28 in the I am Pan Am Games event with elite athletes leading sport activities and providing autographs and t-shirts to the campers
- New gym at Centennial offered basketball, badminton and drop-ins in the summer and attracted over 1,500 youth, adult and senior
- Over 45 special need participants in camp
- Participation in the Fall special need services has expanded with the introduction of a Music Mania program a young adults Activity Club, H40 adapted aquatics



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Community Centres



- Community Centres were busy completing capital improvement projects over the summer
- Crosby Arena – new rink pad, boards and glass, refrigeration system and minor expansion to the lobby
- Centennial Pool - the installation of the acoustic panels and lighting retrofit
- Milliken / Mount Joy Indoor Soccer – installation of new turf
- Markham Senior Centre – new vinyl floor ; Thornhill – new carpet and paint
- From June to present, 2,417,697 customers came through the doors of the 11 Community Centres (Angus Glen, Armadale, Centennial, Clatworthy, Crosby, Markham Village, Milliken, Mount Joy, Rouge River, Thornhill and Markham Senior Centre)

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Older Adults

- New in 2009 - June Active Fest which featured 8 events (Badminton, Cribbage, Bridge, Mah Jong, Table Tennis, Euchre, Darts, Snooker) and had 340 participants and 20 volunteers;
- Seniors Art show at the Civic Centre
- New programs being offered to the seniors:
 - Friday night dances
 - Harmonica, Chinese calligraphy and music classes
 - Interclub travel, bridge, euchre and badminton tournaments



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Older Adults

Angus Glen Seniors - increased programs offered in the summer and programs expanding in the fall – currently approximately 575 seniors are participating on a weekly basis

Club memberships are increasing with new members joining which has been directly linked to the new Seniors section added to Markham Life

Thornhill – 725 members – 120 new members

Markham – 961 members – 161 new members

Milliken – 400 members – 56 new members



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Youth



- Milliken Community Centre introduced a weekday drop-in 3 times a week between 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the students in the surrounding schools and approximately 60 youth attend daily participating in Wii games, Table Tennis, DJing, Boxing and card playing
- Thornhill Youth Council are assisting with mural painting in the gym at Thornhill Community Centre
- MYTF Chairs – Vina and Vijay Jeyaplan received the TD scholarship for Community Leadership which is awarded to youth who make a difference in their community

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Youth



- Local Government Week – 72 students participated in the conference which featured 4 workshops
 - Green Print
 - Trees for Tomorrow
 - Waste Management
 - Markham Theatre
 - Tours of a Fire Station and Markham District Energy
- Unionville Youth Council – hosted five youth from South Africa called Fire Fox who presented tradition African dances and shared their experiences with the youth .

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Sport field and Park Permits

Sport field Use

- 9% increase in 2009 equates to 30 new users and 3,138 additional hours of use
- 2008 - 216 users – 60419 hours of use
- 2009 - 238 users – 63557 hours of use

New Fields in 2009

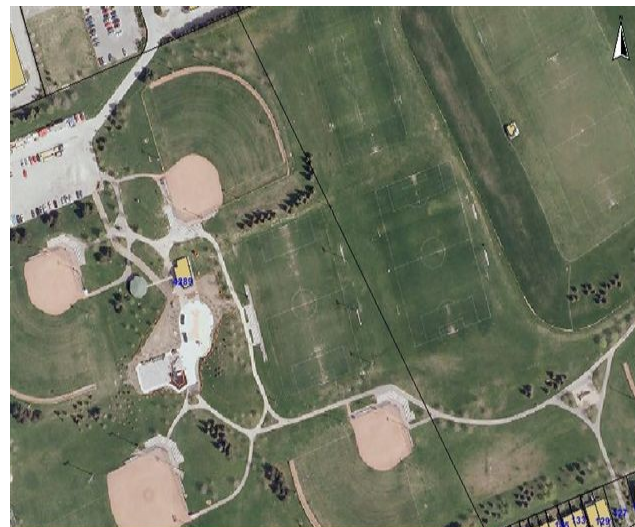
- Woodbine Community Park – 1 full size
- Bill Crothers west turf – 1 full size artificial turf
- Wismer park - 4 minis
- Upper Cornell - 1 mini
- Mount Joy Community Park - 3 minis
- Bur Oak Secondary School – 1 full size

Fields out of commission in 2009 due to construction

- Markham District High – 3 full size
- Milliken Mills Community Park – 3 full size and one mini (permits ended in August)

Milne Park Use

- 10% increase in 2009
- 2008 190 users
- 2009 210 users



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