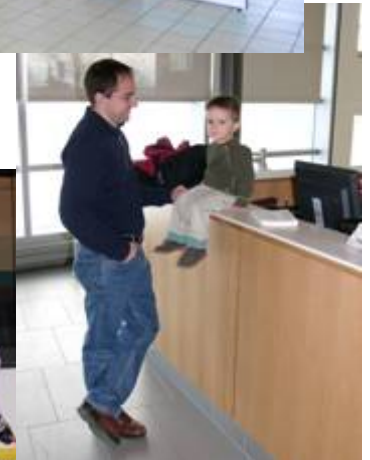


# RECREATION SERVICES UPDATE WINTER 2008



# Recreation Services

- Today's purpose is to provide to Council a snapshot of current activities and events in Recreation Services.
- Recreation staff trained over 500 part-timers in mandatory Health and Safety training.



# Aquatics

- In 2007, we had 469,057 customers attend an activity at our Town Pools
- 2008 Winter Swim lesson program registrations decreased by 18%
  - 2007 – 5825 participants
  - 2008 – 4946 participants
- Markham Aquatics Club hosted their annual swim meet for over 460 swimmers in January
- 'Swim to Survive' program - 669 students participated



# Programs

- 2008 Winter Program registrations increased by 1%
  - 2007 – 9088 registrations
  - 2008 – 9170 registrations
- Staff Participated in the Legacy Park Association Snow festival in February
- Staff participated in the winter festivals, the Provincial *Live it Up Challenge* at two Living Schools – John McCrae and Ellen Fairclough Public Schools





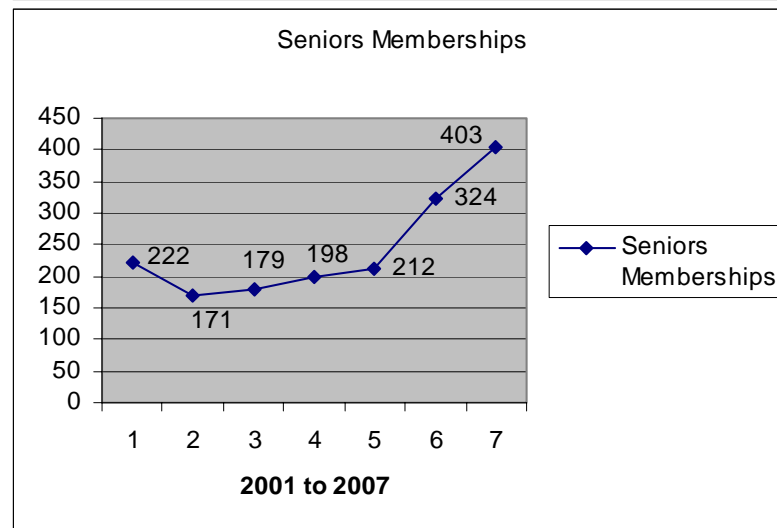
# Fitness

- Fitness Memberships have increased by 19%
  - 2006 – 3049 members
  - 2007 – 3735 members
- 2008 Winter Group Fitness programs increased by 3%
  - 2007 – 2410 registrations
  - 2008 – 2477 registrations
- In 2007 -198 Employee fitness memberships



# Fitness cont'd

- Youth Memberships have increased by 133% from 2005 to 2007 and are 18% of the total membership
- Seniors Memberships have increased by 53% from 2005 to 2007 and are 11% of the total membership



# Community Centres



- 35<sup>th</sup> edition of the Tony Roman Hockey Tournament with 2,000 players, 126 teams, and 229 games
- Rod Black hosted Coaches Night which was attended by 160 coaches and league officials from the three minor hockey associations and featured the “real” Stanley Cup
- Mount Joy Arena and Indoor Soccer facility celebrated it's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, January 13 with over 500 well-wishers

# Older Adults



- Angus Glen Seniors Badminton group hosted a tournament with a Mississauga Seniors group
- Markham Seniors Centre hosted a Health Fair with 20 vendors and over 130 participants
- Thornhill Seniors Club officially opened the new games room at Thornhill Community Centre
- Valentine Event:
  - Thornhill Seniors Club held luncheon attended by 130 seniors
  - Milliken on the Move Seniors held dance for over 200 seniors
- Milliken on the Move Seniors group is growing rapidly - current membership of 350



# Youth



- MYTF Art Expo, partnered with Varley Gallery, had 9 high school and elementary schools participate
- Mayor's Youth Task Force partnered with Ontario York Region Heritage Lions Club to host Markham first effective speaking contest
- Unionville Youth Council hosted a youth dance at Crosby Arena
- Thornhill Youth Council hosted their first teen dance last December
- Markham Village Youth Council has created a Friday Night Youth Club
- Milliken Youth introduced a Bollywood dance drop-in program on Fridays at Milliken High School
- Youth Drop-In Services increased in 2007 from 2006 by 16% (185 in 2007)

# THANK YOU

