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Kirkton Woodham Swimming Pool Renovations & Accessibility Upgrades Completed

The Kirkton Woodham Swimming Pool Committee is excited to celebrate the completion of the Kirkton Woodham Swimming Pool Washroom Renovation and Accessibility Upgrade project.

This was a joint project between the Municipality of South Huron and the Township of Perth South, with Perth South's contribution made with grant funding from Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The pool facilities are jointly owned (50/50) by the Municipality of South Huron and the Township of Perth South and is located in the Village of Kirkton on Road 164/Highway 23. The facility was constructed in 1977 and has been well used by the residents in both municipalities. Due to its age, the washroom and change room areas needed to be renovated. In addition, upgrades were necessary to meet the current accessibility standards.

The Kirkton Woodham Swimming Pool is administered by the Kirkton-Woodham Pool Committee which consists of council representation from both the Township of Perth South and the Municipality of South Huron along with a number of dedicated community members.

"The Committee began this project in 2013, so it is really great to see all of the hard work pay off and benefit everyone in the community" said Melinda Zurbrigg, Councillor, Township of Perth South and Kirkton-Woodham Pool Committee Representative. "We are thankful for the community volunteers that operate this facility and ensure that it is maintained to the highest possible standard; it is appreciated by everyone who uses the pool."

Recreational programs offered at the facility include group and private swimming lessons, swim teams, public swims, Tim Horton's Family Free Swims, and aqua fit swims. In addition, the pool is rented for supervised private rentals.



Pool staff demonstrates the operation of the newly installed lift.

REGISTRATION NIGHT for summer swimming programs will be held on May 16, 2018 at the Kirkton Woodham Community Centre from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. For additional details visit the pool website at kirkton.ca.

The Pool Committee was also excited to be participating in the Stratford Sunscreen Dispenser Pilot Project with the Perth District Health Unit (PDHU) in the summer of 2017 thanks to a grant from the Stratford Perth Community Foundation.

This project provides free sunscreen at locations within close proximity to community pools, splash pads, paddle boat rentals, playgrounds and walking trails where people often spend long periods of time out in the sun exposed to increased UV radiation from reflection off of water, asphalt and concrete. These sunscreen dispensers will provide a way to increase UV protection and encourage pool and park users to adopt additional sun protection behaviour while enjoying leisure and recreational activities.

The Stratford Sunscreen Dispenser Pilot Project is generously supported by a grant from the John and Colleen MacDonald Family Fund, held within the Stratford Perth Community Foundation.

The Kirkton Pool is now accepting Lifeguard and Instructor applications for the 2018 pool season. Submit resume and cover letter to hr@southhuron.ca

The Pool Committee is always looking for new volunteers and anyone interested should email kirktonpool@gmail.com.

For additional information regarding the Kirkton Woodham Swimming Pool visit the pool's website at kirkton.ca.