



Staff Report

Report To:	Dan Best, Chief Administrative Officer
From:	Jeremy Becker, Director of Fire and Community Services
Date:	December 6 2021
Report:	CSD 09-2021
Subject:	Outdoor Pool Program Review and Next Steps

Recommendations:

That Council receives the report of Jeremy Becker, Director of Fire & Community Services regarding the Outdoor Pool Program and Next Steps; and

That this item be added to the upcoming Joint Council meeting with Perth South.

Purpose:

For Information.

Background and Analysis:

For the past two seasons, COVID -19 has had a significant impact on operations of our pool facilities and programming.

South Huron Community Services was only able to operate both swimming pools on a bi-weekly basis for the 2021 season due to limited lifeguard availability. This report will show programs offered, the number of users as well as locations where users registered from.

Aqua Fit - \$3.00 per class

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:45 PM – 8:30 PM

16 sessions in Exeter

8 sessions in Kirkton Woodham

Capped at 10 enrollees in Exeter & 12 in Kirkton Woodham

229 out of 252 spaces utilized throughout the summer (91% program utilization)

Lane Swim - \$3.00 per swim

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:45 PM – 8:30 PM

Runs at the same time as aqua fit, capped at 6 enrollees per session

73 out of 96 spaces utilized throughout the summer (76% program utilization)

Swim Team - \$60.00 per season

Monday & Wednesdays, 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM (JR Swim Team)

8 out of 8 spaces filled, JR Swim Team (100% program utilization)

Tuesday & Thursday, 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM (SR Swim Team)

11 out of 11 spaces filled, SR Swim Team (100% program utilization)

Bronze Medallion & Bronze Course - \$125.00

2 week program, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM, July 5th – July 16th (Monday – Friday)

16 out of 16 spaces filled (100 % program utilization)

Public Swimming - \$3.00 per swim

Saturday & Sunday, 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM & 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Monday – Friday, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM & 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

185 public swimming sessions offered

2492 enrollments

Swimming Lesson Summary

Due to COVID-19 and availability & experience of guards, only private and semi-private lessons (capped at 3 people per lesson) were offered. Classes were 30 minutes in length with 15 minutes in between class times. Lessons were one week in duration and ran from Monday – Friday.

Morning Class Times

- 9:00 AM
- 9:45 AM
- 10:30 AM
- 11:15 AM

Evening Class Times

- 4:15 PM
- 5:00 PM
- 5:45 PM

Additional Time Slots Added as Season Progressed

- 12:00 PM
- 3:00 PM

We were able to accommodate/find a spot for every enrollee who contacted Community Services Staff.

Session 1 (KW)	35 enrollees
Session 2 (EX)	36 enrollees
Session 3 (KW)	41 enrollees
Session 4 (EX)	40 enrollees
Session 5 (KW)	46 enrollees
Session 6 (EX)	47 enrollees
Session 7 (KW)	59 enrollees

Session 8 (EX)	52 enrollees
TOTAL	356 enrollees

Exeter Pool Swim Lesson Registrants		
	2019	2021
Exeter	145	98
Hensall	13	13
Centralia	13	7
Dashwood	11	9
Zurich	11	8
Crediton	8	7
Grand Bend	6	0
Huron Park	2	0
Granton	1	2
Bayfield	1	6
Lucan	0	10
St Marys	0	2
Kirkton	0	4
Stratford	0	2
Other	3	7
TOTAL	214	175

KW Pool Swim Lesson Registrants		
	2019	2021
St Mary's	104	58
Kirkton	62	30
Exeter	40	19
Granton	22	18
Staffa	17	6
Woodham	16	10
Mitchell	15	3
Hensall	14	7
Fullarton	9	3
Centralia	8	2
Lucan	7	10
Dashwood	5	2
St. Paul's	4	2
Dublin	2	2
Huron Park	2	0
Seaforth	2	2
Stratford	2	0
Other	9	7
TOTAL	340	181

Please note that the registrations are based on mailing address only. This could conflict with actual address.

It should be noted that the Recreation Facility Master Plan Facility Study conducted in 2019, identified the following for the Kirkton-Woodham Pool:

- Built in 1973 - current condition is fair
- Original building construction - fair to good quality
- Shared ownership agreement - 50% operating & capital exp.
- Capital investment next 5 to 10 years - \$1.5 to \$2m
- Good investment if existing partnership is in place

Operational Considerations:

- Moving forward, the issue of Staffing will continue to be a challenge. Recruitment strategies will begin in January for the upcoming 2022 season.
- Role clarity needs to be addressed regarding the role of the Committee and Perth South. It needs to be recognized that South Huron is the administering municipality and that staff are employees of South Huron.
- The operation of two part-time pools is a drain on resources and staff. If Staffing complement is only sufficient for one pool, only one pool should be opened. Given investment and operational considerations, from a staff perspective, the Exeter and District Pool would be the priority to be open in such a scenario.

South Huron's Strategic Plan:

Section 6.2.2 of the Municipality of South Huron 2015-2019 Strategic Plan identifies key objectives that are reflective of the collective perspectives of the strategic planning process. The recommendations and actions outlined in this report are reflective of the following strategic objectives:

- ✓ Administrative Efficiency and Fiscal Responsibility
- ✓ Increased Communications and Municipal Leadership

Financial Impact:

None.

Legal Impact:

None

Staffing Impact:

None

Communication Actions:

None

Policies/Legislation:

None

Consultation:

Jenna Bilcke – Supervisor of Fire & Community Services

Related Documents:

Respectfully submitted,

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