

Community Services Sub-committee
Department Update
MAY 2023

PARKS

- Annual planting, hanging baskets and planter installation begins May 29th
- Confederation Park Pond repairs complete, operational week of May 29th
- TJ Dolan Natural Area hog week eradication also begins May 29th

PARKS CAPITAL

- Marsh Pond Playground Equipment – four proposals received, evaluation taking place

CEMETERY

- Installation of 1000 feet of drainage begins last week of April
- Customer sales and service
- Casket and cremation interments

CEMETERY CAPITAL

- Historic monument restoration begins May 29th

TRANSIT

- All fleet disinfected nightly
- Hand sanitizer placed at front doors for customers to use when entering bus.
- Gloves/surgical masks/disinfectant still made available to Staff. Plexiglass Driver barriers will remain in place.
- **Weekly Ridership:**

2023 Monday- Friday	Ridership	Saturday ODT	2022 Monday- Friday	Ridership	Saturday ODT
Apr 23-28	12,433	244	Apr 24-29	10,071	166
Apr 30-May 5	12,132	231	May 1-6	10,199	181
May 7-12	12,375	218	May 8-13	10,354	205
May 14-19	11,476	208	May 15-20	9,806	147
May 21-26	9,728	173	May 22-29	8,094	131

TRANSIT CAPITAL

- **Approved** Projects for 2023 (ICIP)
- Accessible shelters (Project awarded and starting in June)
- Bus wash replacement (still pending approval from ICIP)
- Underground fuel tank replacement (New tank installed and removal of old tanks pending)
- Bus Storage/Facility Upgrades (still pending final approvals from ICIP)
- 40 ft. Hybrid Electric/Diesel Conventional Buses (2) (still pending final approvals from ICIP)
- Magnuscards Mobile App (still pending final approvals from ICIP)

PARALLEL TRANSIT

- All fleet disinfected nightly
- Gloves/surgical masks/disinfectant still made available to Staff.
- **Weekly Ridership**

Weekly 2023	Ridership	Weekly 2022	Ridership
Apr 23-29	386	Apr 24-30	268
Apr 30-May 6	372	May 1-7	285
May 7-13	399	May 8-14	252
May 14-20	367	May 15-21	298
May 21-27	319	May 22-28	255

- Pre-Pandemic ridership was typically 400 per week.

PARALLEL TRANSIT CAPITAL

- No update currently

RECREATION PROGRAMMING

- Recruitment for seasonal staff in Summer Day Camp and Aquatics (Lions Pool) programs is near complete. Summer Day Camps will be hosted at the Agriplex and Rotary Complex from July 3 – September 1. The Lions Pool is scheduled to open in pre-season hours from the first Friday in June, and ending the season on September 3, 2023.
- Summer Day Camp Program registration opened March 1st and is 85% sold out.
- Lions Pool Swim Lesson registration will open April 1st.
- Municipal Cultural Plan is in its final draft and is scheduled to be presented to Council in June.
- The City will host Canada Day in Market Square from 11am – 4pm. The event will include a variety of musical entertainment, activities, and food vendors.

- The Canada Day parade is scheduled from 6-8pm, with a route starting at the Tom Patterson Theatre, ending at the Stratford Rotary Complex.
- Community events for Canada Day including the parade, Market Square entertainment and fireworks at SERC will be posted in one location on the city's website.
- The City is currently delivering a community concert series in City Hall Market Square on Friday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Produced by Stratford's own Juno nominated Dayna Manning, each Friday evening features a new local artist. The first show was cancelled due to rain but the second show on May 26th had approximately 400 people in attendance. The concert series will continue each Friday until June 23rd. Those wishing to attend are welcome to do so free of charge and are encouraged to bring their own chairs.

RECREATION FACILITIES

- The Splash Pad and washroom facility at Anne Hathaway Park opened on Friday, May 19th. The operational hours for the Splash Pad are daily from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- The target opening date for Lions Pool is scheduled for Friday, June 9th. Facility Maintenance staff have started the pool opening procedures.
- The Fieldhouse flooring at the Agriplex will be removed starting on May 30th in advance of the Ontario Pork Congress event. The flooring will be re-installed in late June for the summer day camp programs that operate out of the Fieldhouse.

RECREATION FACILITIES CAPITAL

- The sound system replacement at the William Allman Memorial Arena will be completed on June 2nd.
- The Tender for the Infill material for the artificial turf soccer field at the Packham Sports Complex was awarded to Clean Turf Canada in the amount of \$79,213.00. The infill replacement project will be completed on May 31st.