

Community Services Sub-committee
Department Update
OCTOBER 2023

PARKS

- Fall street and park tree planting is complete
- Hanging baskets and planters are removed, in process of removing annual plants from beds
- Tree removals at tennis court for dome to be completed week of Oct. 16th
- Soil Screening at Industrial Park rescheduled for next year due to site conditions

PARKS CAPITAL

- Marsh Pond Playground has been installed
- Lighting at Lawn Bowling Club is currently being installed

CEMETERY

- Staff continue with:
Customer sales and service
Casket and cremation interments

CEMETERY CAPITAL

- Removal of old fuel tanks at Cemetery begins week of Oct. 16th

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
Sept 17-23	10,465	250	Sept 18-24	10,658	253
Sept 24-30	10,366	201	Sept 25-Oct 1	11,142	192
Oct 1-7	10,263	202	Oct 2-8	11,664	181
Oct 8-14	8,806	205	Oct 9-15	9,329	195

TRANSIT CAPITAL

- **Approved** Projects for 2023 (ICIP)
- Accessible shelters (Project underway)
- Bus wash replacement (RFP scheduled for Winter 2024)
- Underground fuel tank replacement (Completed)
- Bus Storage/Facility Upgrades (approved from ICIP)
- 40 ft. Hybrid Electric/Diesel Conventional Buses (2) (Production start date of Spring 2024)
- Magnuscards Mobile App (Start date of early 2024)

PARALLEL TRANSIT

- All fleet disinfected nightly

Weekly Ridership:

Weekly 2023	Ridership	Weekly 2022	Ridership
Sept 17-23	400	Sept 18-24	350
Sept 24-30	427	Sept 25-Oct 1	322
Oct 1-7	403	Oct 2-8	328
Oct 8-14	312	Oct 9-15	254

- Pre-Pandemic ridership was typically four hundred per week. Continuing to surpass weekly ridership.

RECREATION PROGRAMMING

- Fall/Winter program is in full operation with sport groups, 35+ and 55+ programming occurring throughout the day and evening hours at the Agriplex. Many popular classes are sold out like LivFit and Yoga Level 1 at the Tom Patterson Theatre.
- The Agriplex Fieldhouse starts the tournament season in late October with a High School tournament on October 28.
- The Stratford Lakeside Active Adults Association hosted a successful Health and Wellness Open House on September 28, with over 120 people in attendance and thirty new memberships sold. Also, SLAAA hosted Oktoberfest on the evening of October 3 at the Stratford Agriplex. Over one hundred tickets were sold, and many enjoyed an authentic meal and were entertained by the Black Forest Band.
- Staff continue to work on Santa's Parade of Lights happening December 3 at 5pm.

FACILITIES

- The ice has been installed at Rink A at the Rotary Complex, and ice rentals started on October 1st. All four ice surfaces are now operational for the 2023/2024 season.
- The Field House flooring has been re-installed at the Agriplex. Programming in the Field House started on October 15th.
- The Splash Pad and washrooms at Anne Hathaway Park closed for the season on September 27th.
- The seasonal washrooms including Upper Queens Park, William Allman Memorial Arena (exterior), North Shore, SERC, and Packham Sports Complex closed for the season on October 10th.
- Facility Maintenance staff is completing the shutdown and winterization of the seasonal washrooms and recreation facilities.

FACILITIES CAPITAL

- The Tender for the replacement of the upper and lower roofing systems at 47 Downie Street was awarded to Nedlaw Roofing Ltd. in the amount of \$153,035.90. This project is scheduled to start on October 30th.
- The Tender for the replacement of the upper roofing system at the Stratford Public Library was awarded to Smith-Peat Roofing and Sheet Metal Ltd. in the amount of \$167,420.80. This project started on October 16th.