

Community Services Department Update
MARCH 2024

PARKS

- Obtained two swans from City of Woodstock
- Continue street tree pruning
- Seasonal staff have been hired
- Forestry contractor continues to work on annual hydro pruning list supplied by Festival Hydro

PARKS CAPITAL

- Tendered tree removals complete, stumps to follow
- Tender requests for playground equipment and outdoor gym equipment to be called after March 25 Council meeting

CEMETERY

- Currently planning 2024 Cemetery drainage project
- In process of obtaining quotes for monument restoration at Cemetery
- Staff continue with:
 - Customer sales and service
 - Casket and cremation interments

CEMETERY CAPITAL

- Cemetery garage doors to be installed by end of March

TRANSIT

Weekly Ridership:

2024 Monday-Friday	Ridership	Saturday ODT	2023 Monday-Friday	Ridership	Saturday ODT
Feb 18-23	8,975	261	Feb 19-24	9,309	250
Feb 25-Mar 1	10,722	180	Feb 26-Mar 3	11,917	185
Mar 3-8	11,449	186	Mar 5-10	11,611	258
Mar 10-15	8,678	165	Mar 12-17	8,352	223
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February 2024	1828		February 2023	952	

Table 1 Transit Ridership Numbers

***Transit ridership lower in 2024 due to alternative Student transportation offered*

TRANSIT CAPITAL

- **Approved** Projects for 2024 (ICIP)
- Accessible shelters (Project underway)
- Bus wash replacement (RFP scheduled for Spring 2024)
- Bus Storage/Facility Upgrades (Project scheduled in 2024)
- 40 ft. Hybrid Electric/Diesel Conventional Buses (2) (Production start date of Spring 2024)
- Magnuscards Mobile App (Project underway)

PARALLEL TRANSIT

Weekly Ridership:

Weekly 2024	Ridership	Weekly 2023	Ridership
Feb 18-24	430	Feb 19-25	333
Feb 25-Mar 2	417	Feb 26-Mar 4	354
Mar 3-9	422	Mar 5-11	367
Mar 10-16	402	Mar 12-18	321

Table 2Parallel Transit Ridership Numbers

- Pre-Pandemic ridership was typically 400 per week. Continuing to surpass weekly ridership.

RECREATION PROGRAMMING

- Day Camp and Pool staff have been hired
- March Break increased capacity and full
- Summer Camp and swim lessons open for registration
- Canada Day planning is underway

FACILITIES

- The Canadian Dairy XPO is being hosted at the Rotary Complex and Burnside Agriplex on April 3rd & 4th. Setup for the event will start on March 31st.
- The last date for ice rentals at the Dufferin Lions Arena is April 5th. The ice surface will be removed starting on April 6th. Following the removal of the ice surface, Recreation Facility Operator staff will perform end of season maintenance at the Dufferin Lions Arena before transitioning to the Packham Sports Complex for the spring and summer months.
- The final date for ice rentals on Rink B at the Rotary Complex is March 28th. The Rink B ice surface will be removed in advance of the Canadian Dairy XPO event. The Rink A ice surface will remain in for the spring and summer months but will be covered during the CDX event.
- The delivery of the new electric Articulating Boom Lift occurred on March 1st. The manufacturer and supplier have provided equipment training to management, operational staff, and fleet service staff.
- The roof replacement project at 47 Downie St. was completed on March 14th.

- The modernization of the elevator at City Hall Annex (82 Erie St.) project started on March 18th. It is anticipated that the project completion timeframe will be six weeks. The elevator will be out of service for the duration of the project.

FACILITIES CAPITAL

- The Tender for the supply and delivery of janitorial supplies was awarded to Bluewater Office Equipment Ltd. The contract start date is April 1, 2024 and will be in effect until December 31, 2026.