

Community Services Department Update
MAY & JUNE 2024

PARKS

- Annual planting of flowers is underway
- Street tree planting has begun
- Stump removals have begun
- Hogweed control in TJ Dolan Natural Area is complete

PARKS CAPITAL

- Henderson Play Equipment was chosen as the successful bidder to supply the playground equipment for Milton St. Park. Installation to take place in September.

CEMETERY

- Monument restoration took place June 10 - 21
- Staff continue with:
 - Customer sales and service
 - Casket and cremation interments

CEMETERY CAPITAL

- Nothing to report at this time

TRANSIT

Weekly Ridership:

2024 Mon - Friday	Ridership	Saturday ODT	2023 Mon - Fri	Ridership	Saturday ODT
May 26-31	9,888	228	May 28-June 2	11,694	208
June 2-7	10,021	208	June 4-9	11,194	242
June 9-14	10,096	180	June 11-16	11,273	218
PC Connect					
May 2024	2134		May 2023	1464	

Table Transit Ridership Numbers

Weekly Ridership:

2024 Monday-Friday	Ridership	Saturday ODT	2023 Monday-Friday	Ridership	Saturday ODT
April 21-26	10,431	194	April 23-28	12,433	244
April 28-May 3	11,111	260	April 30-May 5	12,132	231
May 5-10	9,964	237	May 7-12	12,375	216
May 12-17	10,371	238	May 14-19	11,476	208
May 19-24**	8,306	217	May 21-26**	9,728	215
**Holiday Monday					
PC Connect					
April 2024	1914		April 2023	1291	

Table Transit Ridership Numbers

TRANSIT CAPITAL

- Approved Projects for 2024 (ICIP) Include:
- Bus wash replacement (RFP scheduled for Spring 2024)
- Bus Storage/Facility Upgrades (Project started)
- 40 ft. Hybrid Electric/Diesel Conventional Buses (2) (Production start date of Spring 2024)

PARALLEL TRANSIT

Weekly Ridership:

Weekly 2024	Ridership	Weekly 2023	Ridership
April 21-26	399	April 23-28	366
April 28-May 3	380	April 30-May 5	362
May 5-10	398	May 7-12	370
May 12-17	412	May 14-19	355
May 19-24** Holiday Monday	325	May 21-26**	295
Pre-Pandemic ridership was typically 400 per week.			

Table Parallel Transit Ridership Numbers

Weekly Ridership:

Weekly 2024	Ridership	Weekly 2023	Ridership
May 26-31	386	May 28-June 2	362
June 2-7	371	June 4-9	344
June 9-14	401	June 11-16	372

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PROGRAMMING

- Indoor Events – Staff are currently working with roughly 20 groups/organizations on logistics for upcoming indoor events
- Outdoor Events – Staff are currently working through 31 Outdoor Special Event Applications for the upcoming spring/summer season
- Canada Day parade float registration opened beginning of May
- Registration continues for summer programming for day camps and swim lessons
- Sport leagues and tournaments at the Agriplex are complete for the 2023-24 indoor season
- Senior Lakeside Active Adults Association continues to expand with over 700 members. The association is currently shifting their focus to their summer programming schedule

FACILITIES

- The Splash Pad at Anne Hathaway Park was opened on May 18th. The hours of operation for the Splash Pad and adjacent public washrooms are daily from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.
- The Stratford and Area Lions Club has donated towards the full cost of a storage shed for Lions Pool. The storage shed will be utilized to store pool equipment and materials, so that these items are not stored in the pool filtration and mechanical areas.
- The Lions Pool was opened on Friday, June 7th.
- The City of Stratford's Market Square Music hosted at City Hall Market Square is returning, started on May 24th. This event will run on Fridays from May 24th to June 28th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.
- The Ontario Pork Congress event was held at the Rotary Complex and Agriplex facilities on June 19th & 20th.
- An increase in ice rental usage has been apparent in Q1 of 2024. The implementation of the new Last Minute Ice program is a large factor in the increase. With the Last Minute Ice program, users are able to reserve available ice rentals outside of regular office hours.

FACILITIES CAPITAL

- The replacement of the flat roofing system at the William Allman Memorial Arena was awarded to Grand Valley Roofing & Coatings Inc., in the amount of \$397,041.32. The replacement of the barrel roofing system at the William Allman Memorial Arena was awarded to John Kenyon Limited in the amount of \$1,251,371.04.
- The replacement of the roofing system at National Stadium project has been completed.
- The replacement of the windows at the Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse capital project has been completed.
- The replacement of the Rooftop HVAC Unit at City Hall Annex capital project has been completed.
- The replacement of the roofing system at the Administration of Justice Building was awarded to Proteck Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc., in the amount of \$531,350.86.
- The supply of new LED lighting fixtures to retrofit corporate facilities (City Hall, Public Library, 47 Downie, Dufferin Lions Arena – ice surface lighting) was awarded to City Electric Supply, in the amount of \$84,148.19.
- The installation of the new LED lighting fixtures was awarded to BKS Electric Technical Services, in the amount of \$78,535.