

Community Services Department Update
AUGUST 2024

PARKS

- Seasonal staff have completed their contracts (three temporary staff remaining)
- Trail through arboretum has been asphalted
- Calisthenics equipment installation at Shakespeare Park starts week of Sept. 9th
- Fall sport field work to start week of Sept 9th (topdressing, seeding, etc.)

PARKS CAPITAL

- Nothing to report at this time

CEMETERY

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

CEMETERY CAPITAL

- Nothing to report at this time

TRANSIT

Weekly Ridership:

2024 Monday-Friday	Ridership	Saturday ODT	2023 Monday-Friday	Ridership	Saturday ODT
July 14-19	7,967	215	July 16-21	7,717	253
July 21-26	7,770	167	July 23-28	7,948	207
July 28-Aug 2	7,881	219	July 30-Aug 4	8,153	209
Aug 4-9	6,064	199	Aug 6-11	6,789	244
Aug 11-16	7,803	169	Aug 13-18	7,615	226
PC Connect					
July 2024	2258		July 2023	1785	

Table Transit Ridership Numbers

TRANSIT CAPITAL

- **Approved** Projects for 2024 (ICIP)
- Bus wash replacement (To be awarded)
- Bus Storage/Facility Upgrades (Project started, roof repaired, concrete floor installed)
- 40 ft. Hybrid Electric/Diesel Conventional Buses (2) (Production start date of Spring 2024)

PARALLEL TRANSIT

Weekly Ridership:

Weekly 2024	Ridership	Weekly 2023	Ridership
July 14-19	416	July 16-21	376
July 21-26	371	July 23-28	366
July 28-Aug 2	380	July 30-Aug 4	359
Aug 4-9	292	Aug 6-11	317
Aug 11-16	354	Aug 13-18	371

Table Parallel Transit Ridership Numbers

Pre-Pandemic ridership was typically 400 per week.

PROGRAMMING

- The city camp program and the Lions Pool have closed after a very successful summer season. Staff have launched the New Horizon’s for Seniors Grant programming. The first event, Chinese Celebration in the Market Square saw unfavourable weather and was moved into the City Hall Auditorium with approximately 120 attendees. The upcoming events are the Open House, Wellness and Multicultural Fair on September 7 in the new Agriplex Community Hall, Try Tai Chi starting September 29 out of the City Hall Auditorium, and the Mayor’s Newcomer Breakfast, Bus Tour and Community Celebration on October 5.
- Staff have supported 21 outdoor special events and five indoor special events in August and September through the special event application process.

FACILITIES

- The startup of the refrigeration plant at the William Allman Memorial Arena is scheduled for August 22, 2024. Following the startup, staff will complete the installation of the ice surface. The facility will open for ice rentals and programming on September 2, 2024.
- The Lions Pool will close for the season on September 1, 2024. Following that date, Facility Maintenance staff will complete the annual shutdown and winterization procedures for the pool and facility.

FACILITIES CAPITAL

- The replacement of the Cooling Tower capital project at the Dufferin Lions Arena has been completed.
- The replacement of the flat roofing systems at the William Allman Memorial Arena capital project has been completed.
- The replacement of the barrel roofing system at the William Allman Memorial Arena capital project has started. The replacement is expected to be completed by the end of October.