



## Staff Report

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**Report To:** Recreation Committee

**From:** Emily Jocius, Operations & Community Services Coordinator

**Date:** 2022-05-18

**Subject:** Operational Update

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### **Recommendation:**

That West Elgin Recreation Committee hereby receives the report from Emily Jocius, Operations and Community Services Coordinator.

The West Elgin Recreation Committee hereby \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to provide the West Elgin Recreation Committee with an update on current operations in Parks and Recreation programming and to request direction from the Committee on a proposed event.

### **Background:**

Staff have put a pause on indoor recreation programs for the summer season. The following programs will be welcomed back in the fall of 2022

- Indoor walking
- Pickleball
- Cards

Staff have been working on facilitating more recreation programs and events for the community. Currently the outdoor tennis courts are open for use and the soccer and baseball season is getting underway. Staff is working on opening other recreational facilities as the weather becomes warmer such as the splash pad and swimming pool.

Staff have been working on developing a swimming pool schedule to include Aqua fit, swimming lessons, open swims, lane swims, private rentals, and family swims.

In the past month the community has had many events such as the service club show case, which the municipality attended and had additional recreational information passed along to persons in attendance. The West Lorne Optimist Club had their road race.

## **Upcoming Recreational programs**

### **Nature walks**

Join Emily on an interactive nature walk through Joe's Bush. Starting May 18, 2022 and will continue every Wednesday from 10-11a.m.

### **Outdoor Activity Challenge**

This program will run mid-May till middle of June as a self-driven program to explore and interact in nature and becoming more active outdoors. The outdoor activity challenge will also include small activities to complete during the weeks.

### **Sports Literacy**

Interactive sports and literacy programming offered for youth ages 2-5 and 6-11.

West Lorne May 10, 2022 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Rodney May 12, 2022 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

The Library and staff will continue the program into June with the following dates.

West Lorne June 7, 2022 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Rodney June 9, 2022 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

### **Youth Fitness**

A free 6-week session put on by Fitborough for youth ages 11-18. This program will explore different sports and fitness related activities to build strength, endurance, and making new connections.

### **Canada Day**

July 1, 2022 Staff have been working on developing the full days schedule all information will be made available shortly.

### **Fall Programming**

Up coming fall programming will be announced shortly. Staff would like to run programs like to introduce more programs like basketball, indoor soccer, and other programs.

### **New Recreational program proposal - summer**

The Municipality has been assisting the West Lorne Lawn Bowling with the creation of a webpage on the municipal website, as they are a municipally sponsored program. During a meeting the idea was floated of the West Elgin Recreation Committee in conjunction with the West Lorne Lawn Bowling Club, hosting of free learn to lawn bowl program. The West Lorne Lawn Bowling Club would like to increase users through the facility, are looking at membership retention as the long-term goal and to show that lawn bowling is for all ages. The West Elgin Recreation Committee can sponsor one night a month at a set rate to be determined in conjunction with the West Lorne Lawn Bowling Club. The sponsored nights will hopefully encourage not only adults to participate but youth in the community. Lawn Bowling will build different sporting skills and social connections for community members.

## **Up coming Community Supported Events**

### **West Lorne Horticultural Society Plant Sale**

May 21 from 8-1 p.m. at the West Lorne Arena.

### **Rodney Horticultural Society Plant sale**

May 21 8-12 p.m. at the Rodney Recreation Centre

### **West Elgin Homebased Business Group**

June 4, 2022, at Miller Park

August 20, 2022 at Miller Park

October 15, 2022 at Miller Park

### **West Lorne Lawn Bowling**

The first start date is May 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Monday and Thursday starting at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday mornings starting at 10:30 a.m.

### **WEHC Events**

Zumbini

Stroller Walk and Lunch

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