



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KINCARDINE

FYI REPORT

Subject: Davidson Centre Summer Hours

FYI Report Number: Parks & Facilities-2022-08

Meeting Date: Monday, June 20, 2022

Report:

Staff have been reviewing the summer hours that historically the Davidson Centre has been open to the public. Typically, this facility is fully open during the months of July and August from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM daily.

Records indicate that there is very little traffic entering the facilities in the later evening hours during weekdays, and on weekends.

To manage budget and to focus on areas in high demand during the summer months staff will be implementing a shift in hours of operation.

Currently during the summer months, the pool accommodates lane swims on Saturdays from 7:00-8:30AM and general swims from 2:00-4:00 PM on Saturdays and Sundays. In the heat of the summer, patron's preference is to be at our beautiful beaches enjoying the sun or splashing in the splash pad. Previous user numbers indicated that the average participant numbers during these swims averaged around 28 general swims and 13 lane swims. With only one or two swims offered during a weekend, it makes little sense to remain open for this duration. For the months of July and August, the pool will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays of this year.

For the rest of the amenities in the Davidson Centre, closing operating hours will be 9:00 PM on weeknights and 6:00 PM on weekends.

This should have minimal impact on the Health Club which experiences an average of 3-4 users after 7:00PM, and even less impact on the walking track and gymnasium.

For special events including summer ice and swim meets within the facilities, these events will certainly be available for users to book in advance and enjoy the amenities.

What this provides is added resources to assist in outside operations during a time when a tremendous number of pressures are experienced by staff in ensuring our green spaces are to the level of standard our users should be receiving.

Approximately 330 facilities hours during the months of July and August will be able to be shifted to parks hours during the months of July and August through this adjustment.

This year, we are thrilled to welcome back our previous special events that we were accustomed to enjoying, as well as an influx of new and exciting events. With that, comes an increase in requests and requirements from our users on our parks staff. By adjusting the budget and wages, this will assist with these challenges while not impacting the budget.

Staff will be commencing a communication plan to inform the public of the new summer hours.

This pilot program will be monitored and reviewed with staff to determine the continuation of this program for future summers.

Attachments: