

**REPORT NO. 81 of the
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,
HEALTH & CULTURE STANDING COMMITTEE**
of its meeting held May 9, 2012

Present: Councillor Ed Sleiman, Vice Chair
Councillor Alan Halberstadt
Councillor Ron Jones

Regrets: Councillor Percy Hatfield

That the following recommendation of the Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee **BE APPROVED** as follows:

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Jones,
THAT the report from the Executive Director of Recreation and Culture on 'June is Recreation and Parks Month' **BE RECEIVED** for information.
Carried.

Clerk's Note: The report by the Commissioner of Community Development and Health dated April 23, 2012 entitled "June is Recreation & Parks Month" is attached as background information.

LIVELINK #15898, SR2012


VICE CHAIRPERSON


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Name	Address	Email

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR
Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee-
Administrative Report

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

"The City of Windsor, with the involvement of its citizens, will deliver effective and responsive municipal services, and will mobilize innovative community partnerships"

LiveLink REPORT #: 15898 SR2012	Report Date: April 23, 2012
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To: Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee

Subject: June is Recreation & Parks Month

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1. RECOMMENDATION: City Wide: Ward(s): _____

That the report from the Executive Director of Recreation and Culture on June is Recreation and Parks Month **BE RECEIVED** for information.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

N/A

2. BACKGROUND:

Parks and Recreation Ontario (PRO) is an all-inclusive, not-for-profit corporation dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for people in Ontario. One of the primary missions of PRO is to promote healthy, active living to all Ontarians and to advocate the benefits that recreation and parks provide to communities. One of the key initiatives PRO undertakes annually, during the month of June, is the celebration of Recreation and Parks Month.

Recreation and Parks Month is a national movement to increase awareness about the benefits and importance of recreation and parks and encourage citizens to become more active and engaged in their communities. As a municipal member of PRO, the City of Windsor has proclaimed June as Recreation and Parks Month since 2006 and will be asking Council to once again proclaim June as Recreation and Parks Month. As this year's theme, PRO has chosen "Hike it or Bike it", to bring focus and awareness about the tremendous trails and pathways communities across Ontario have to offer.

3. DISCUSSION:

As a member of Parks and Recreation Ontario, the Recreation and Culture Department believes it is extremely important to celebrate Recreation and Parks Month and as a result will be developing a calendar of events that will be highlighting recreational opportunities taking place throughout our community. Almost all of the events taking place are existing events that operate annually in our community. The focus of the Recreation and Culture Department for Recreation and Parks Month will be to develop a calendar that brings all of those events together in one place that residents can access to find ways that they can be active in their community. Beginning in late May, calendars will be made available to the public at all local community centres, pools and arenas while also being available on-line at www.reconnectwindsor.ca.

Some of the main events that will be taking place during Recreation and Parks Month include:

Bike to Work Day (June 1),
Smoke Free Family Outdoor Movie (June 2),
Youth Dances (June 8 & June 29),
World's Largest Swimming Lesson (June 14),
Meet A Machine (June 16),
Bike the Bridge (June 17),
Rediscover Your Bike (June 23),
Bike the Fireworks (June 25),
Opening of Outdoor Pools (June 24) &
The Opening of Summer Day Camps (June 28).

These are only some of the many events taking place and a more detailed list has been attached. The attached list provides further event details including date, event, and a brief description of the event, location and fees associated with participation, if any.

4. RISK ANALYSIS:

After review, no risks were identified.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

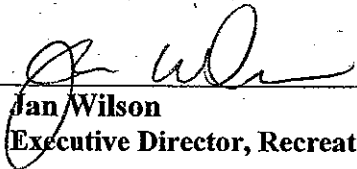
No additional funds are being requested from Council. Activities and events taking place throughout Recreation and Parks Month will be funded through existing operating budget allocations in the Recreation and Culture Department. Some events highlighted within the calendar are being operated by other City of Windsor Departments or committees, those events will also be funded through existing budget allocations in their respective areas.


6. CONSULTATIONS:

In preparing a calendar of events for June is Recreation and Parks Month the Recreation and Culture Department worked in consultation internally with the Supervisors of Community Programming and our Recreation and Culture Special Events staff. In addition, consultation was held externally with representatives from Parks and Recreation Ontario (PRO), the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) and the Windsor Bicycling Committee (WBC).

7. CONCLUSION:

Participation in healthy and active living is important for everyone in our community. Recreation and Parks Month is a great initiative to raise awareness for healthy living and to further promote to our residents the importance of being physically active.


Jan Wilson
Executive Director, Recreation & Culture


Ronna Warsh
Community Development and Health
Commissioner and Corporate Leader Social
Development, Health, Recreation and Culture


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APPENDICES:
Appendix A – Event Schedule

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Appendix A

**June is Recreation and Parks Month
Event Schedule**

Friday, June 1st – Bike to Work Day

Event Description: *Annual event organized by the Windsor Bicycling Committee to encourage participants to Bike to Work.*

Ages: *Adults*

Location: *City Wide*

Fees: *FREE*

Saturday, June 2nd – Smoke Free Outdoor Movie

Event Description: *Partnership with the WECHU to promote their anti-tobacco messaging by providing a free outdoor movie for families on a giant inflatable screen*

Ages: *All*

Location: *Lanspeary Park*

Fees: *FREE*

Sunday, June 3rd – Beach Party

Event Description: *Fun events for all ages at Sandpoint Beach. Sandcastle building, long board rides and other fun games*

Ages: *All Ages, but directed at children/youth*

Location: *Sandpoint Beach*

Fees: *FREE*

Sunday, June 3rd – Yoga Program Demo

Event Description: *Participants are invited to attend a free one class yoga demonstration. The goal is to peak participant's interest for the upcoming summer session.*

Ages: *Adults*

Location: *Mackenzie Hall*

Fees: *FREE*

Friday, June 8th – Youth Dance

Event Description: *Opportunity for youth Grades 5 to 8 to come out and dance to the latest tunes*

Ages: *Grades 5 to 8.*

Location: *Atkinson Memorial Centre*

Fees: *\$7.00 per person*

Saturday, June 9th – Yoga on the Beach Program Demo

Event Description: *Participants are invited to attend a free one class yoga demonstration. The goal is to peak participant's interest for the upcoming summer session.*

Ages: *16 yrs +*

Location: *Sandpoint Beach*

Fees: *FREE*

Sunday, June 10th – Beach Party

Event Description: *Fun events for all ages at Sandpoint Beach. Sandcastle building, long board rides and other fun games*

Ages: *All Ages, but directed at children/youth*

Location: *Sandpoint Beach*

Fees: *FREE*

Thursday, June 14th – World's Largest Swimming Lesson

Event Description: *This free swimming lesson will take place at each of the three indoor pools Adie Knox Herman Recreation Complex, Gino and Liz Marcus and Windsor Water World. The World's Largest Swimming Lesson™ (WLSL) is an international Guinness World Record™ attempt taking place at pools and water parks around the globe to focus attention on the vital importance of teaching kids to swim.*

Ages: *All*

Location: *Adie Knox, Gino and Liz Marcus and Windsor Water World Indoor Pools*

Fees: *FREE*

Saturday, June 16th – Meet A Machine Event

Event Description: A free event to promote literacy with children from the Windsor-Essex community in a fun and interactive way. Showcasing over 40 machines for children to meet including, big construction equipment (dump truck, front end loader and concrete mixer), trucks (salt truck, street sweeper, garbage truck and forestry bucket truck) race cars, buses (school and Transit), and emergency vehicles (police cruiser, ambulance and fire truck) will be parked and accessible for children of all ages to climb on, discover and explore

Ages: Children/Youth

Location: WFCU Centre

Fees: FREE

Sunday, June 17th – Beach Party

Event Description: Fun events for all ages at Sandpoint Beach. Sandcastle building, long board rides and other fun games.

Ages: All Ages, but directed at children/youth

Location: Sandpoint Beach

Fees: FREE

Sunday, June 17th – Bike the Bridge Event

Event Description: On June 17th Americans and Canadians will gather on either side of the Ambassador Bridge. The Canadians will ride across the bridge, pick up the Americans and then ride back across the bridge as a group, where they will enjoy a delicious breakfast in Canada. After breakfast, riders will have their choice of either a short tour (about 15 miles or 24 KM) or a long tour (about 40 miles or 64 KM). The tours this year are centered on the theme of The War Of 1812. After the tours, the Americans will have their bikes loaded into trucks and transported back across the bridge by bus. In addition to all of this riders will have the opportunity to hear exciting speakers and will receive a commemorative T-shirt. The cost will be approximately \$65 per rider. The registration for this event will open soon on Eventbrite, the last day for registration will be June 1st. All riders must have a valid Passport, Passport card, enhanced driver's license, or Nexus card, at the time of registration.

Ages: Riders MUST be 16 or older

Location: TBD

Fees: \$65 (approx.)

Thursday, June 21st – World Go Skateboarding Day

Event Description: Every year on June 21, skateboarders around the globe celebrate the pure exhilaration, creativity, and spirit of one of the most influential activities in the world by going skateboarding. Get out and experience the fun at our two local skate parks Atkinson Skate Park and Forest Glade Skate Park

Ages: ALL

Location: Atkinson Skate Park and Forest Glade Skate Park

Fees: FREE

Saturday, June 23rd – Rediscover Your Bike Event

Event Description: Come out and Rediscover Your Bike. This fun event will include: demonstrations on helmet safety, a Trail Riding Scavenger Hunt, Way Finding Signage Information and a Bike Rodeo (for kids). There will also be personalized helmet fitting, bike safety checks and health tips.

Ages: All Ages

Location: Memorial Park near Optimist Community Centre

Fees: FREE

Sunday, June 24th – Opening of Outdoor Pools

Event Description: It's that time a year again! Parks and Recreation is proud to announce the official opening of its six outdoor pool locations.

Ages: All Ages

Location: Atkinson, Central, Lanspeary, Mic Mac, Remington & Riverside Pools

Fees: \$2.00 admission for children/youth, adults & seniors

Sunday, June 24th – Beach Party

Event Description: Fun events for all ages at Sandpoint Beach. Sandcastle building, long board rides and other fun games

Ages: All Ages, but directed at children/youth

Location: Sandpoint Beach

Fees: FREE

Monday, June 25th – Bike the Fireworks

Event Description: Valet bicycle parking for Monday night's downtown fireworks festivities. A great way to beat the traffic and enjoy the fireworks.

Ages: ALL

Location: Downtown Windsor

Fees: FREE

Wednesday, June 27th - Outdoor Lunch Fitness Class

Event Description: Come out and enjoy an active lunch in the Downtown Core. Parks and Recreation will be offering a free adult fitness class over the lunch hour.

Ages: Adults

Location: Downtown

Fees: FREE

Thursday, June 28th – Opening of Summer Day Camps

Event Description: Parks and Recreation Summer Day Camps are back. Enjoy all the fun at your local community centre, with great games, fun field trips and awesome activities. We will also be offering great specialty camps all summer long.

Ages: 5 to 13 yrs (Youth Adventure Seekers Camp)
3 to 5 yrs (Busy Bodies Camp)

Location: All Community Centres

Fees: \$133.00 per week or \$29 per day

Friday, June 29th – Youth Dance

Event Description: *Opportunity for youth Grades 5 to 8 to come out and dance to the latest tunes*

Ages: *Grades 5 to 8*

Location: *Optimist Community Centre*

Fees: *\$7.00 per person*

