RECREATION

MONTHLY REPORT

October 31, 2025

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Rexton Sports & Recreation Centre

- **Kent Curling –** The Ice is in and ready to go. Kent Curling held registration and learn to curl events on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the week of October 27.
- **Youth Programs**
  Youth Fitness **–** Sessions were held twice a week for the month of October. Lindsey and I are working with Joel Goguen (Sport Development and Active Living Coordinator – KRSC) and Phillipe Savoie-Vienneau (Consultant – Sports and Recreation Branch – GNB) for funding opportunities for this program. We drafted a budget and materials needed to submit the funding application on Friday, October 31.
  Yoga – Fred Gana, President of the Kent County Filipino Association reached out to see if they would be able to use the Recreation Centre Monday to Friday, 7pm-8pm for yoga classes. They would open the classes up to the public, charging $5 per person to participate. That money would go to the instructor. Currently figuring out alternate times and days due to Kent Curling using the building at those times. (Would need silent space for yoga)
- **Rentals –** Had a few inquiries for private rental. Still advertising on the letter board at the Recreation Centre.
- **Event Schedules –** Received smart TV for the Recreation Centre to display our event schedules (Recreation Centre - private rentals, curling, youth fitness, activities. Bonar Law Common – Summer Camp, daily activities, bookings, events).

Splash Pad

- **CLOSED FOR THE SEASON**
- **Funding -** Looking into funding to fix the shed between the splash pad and outdoor rink. Would like to make it 2 rooms (male and female), for changing wet clothes/bathing suits in the summer and changing skates in the winter.

Carson's Landing

- **CLOSED FOR THE SEASON**
- Inventory removed, everything cleaned and winterized.

Bonar Law Common

- **Weddings –** No weddings in October but have booked 2 weddings for next year.
- **Scarecrow Decorating Contest –** Fun event! Positive feedback from participants. We had 6 teams – The Heberts, Fortnite.com, Pumpkin Spiced Latte, Pumpkin Carver, Goul's Night Out and The Pinkies (for breast cancer awareness). We had a winner for most original on the same day - The Pinkies, and we had a Facebook vote for best overall with the Hebert's taking the win! The winners each received a basket with some fall themed goodies, including hot chocolate, some sweet treats and free tickets to our Haunted Trail Fundraiser for the BLMS graduates.
  I had planned to get Public Works to take the Scarecrows and place them around Rexton as some extra Autumn decorations, but they were very busy and did not get around to it. We will do it again next year, possibly in the gazebo with some other craft stations – pumpkin carving, Halloween crafts for kids.
- **Trunk or Treat/Haunted Trail –** WOW! This event was amazing. Trunk or Treat had a great turn out! We had 110 children register, with about 150 children showing up. Next year we will not require registration to keep the confusion at a minimum, but it will be first come first served.
  I met with the graduates after school at the Recreation Centre and Bonar Law Common about 6 times in the 3 weeks before the event. They worked hard to create décor to keep costs low for the Haunted Trail. We sold $3080 in ticket sales for the trail and the grads received $200.85 in donations. Giving them half of the ticket sales, and 100% of donations, they raised an astounding **$1720.85** for their graduating class.
- **Closing Bonar Law Common –** Currently working on cleaning barns, staff house, gazebo and Museum to close for the winter. Will take thorough inventory of supplies on hand.

Rexton Ball Field

- **CLOSED FOR THE SEASON**

Winter Season

- **Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony –** Will be held at Kenney Park on Friday, December 12 at 6:30pm. Santa will be present for the children, and we can offer to take pictures with Santa. Possibility of a bonfire if the weather permits. Lion's Club will be hosting an evening market at the same time as part of the Tree Lighting Ceremony. They will also be serving hot chocolate and hot apple cider for the participants. Planning to have a crafting station as well inside the Lion's Club for children to make Christmas themed crafts to decorate the tree in Kenney Park or to take home with them.
- **Frosty Fest –** Starting to prepare for Frosty Fest. Will ask Bass River Hall, The Lion's Club and Kent Curlers to host some events during the festival. Would like to have some free skating and hockey games at the Outdoor Rink in Rexton and possibly Clairville. Snowman building competition and sleigh rides at Bonar Law Common.
- **Craft and game nights –** looking at weekly or biweekly activities at the Rec Centre on Weekends.

Other

- **Actively searching for funding opportunities for recreational purposes.**
- Working with a group of gentlemen from Elsipogtog to get a Dart League started up in Five Rivers.
- Working on the **2026 Recreational Plan** for the Municipality of Five Rivers. Will have locations off all recreational facilities, parks, walking trails and things to do in Five Rivers.
- Purchased partition walls for Recreation Centre to separate activities.
- Purchased new letters for the letter board at the Recreation Centre for advertising activities.
- Working on **MOU's** for Historical Society, Lion's Club, MXT Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu
  Completed Youth Fitness MOU, submitted to Rob for approval.
- **Attended**
  - October 1 – Meeting with Phillip Savoie-Vienneau on Youth Fitness
  - October 3 – Elsipogtog Mi'Kmaq Cultural Tour with the Cultural Policy Committee.
  - October 16 – Meeting with Jim Hamilton from Great Earth Consulting on behalf of Anne Hamilton (GNB) for Bonar Law Common operations, plans, needs, opportunities, problems and issues.
  - October 23 – Meeting with the Cultural Policy Committee
  - October 29 – Meeting with Cheyenne Joseph from Tinkerdome about partnering for community activities.
  - Rexton Elementary School Breakfast Program – Every second Thursday morning