

Recreation and Culture

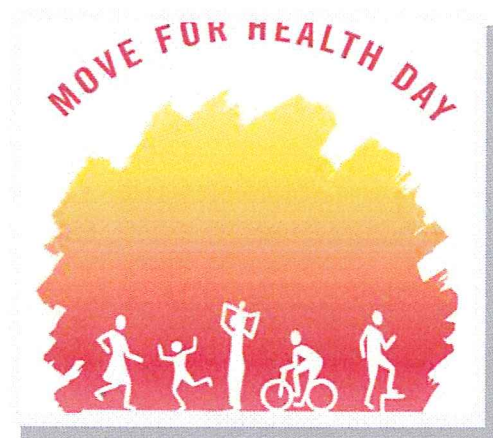


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Second Quarter Report, 2016



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Move For Health

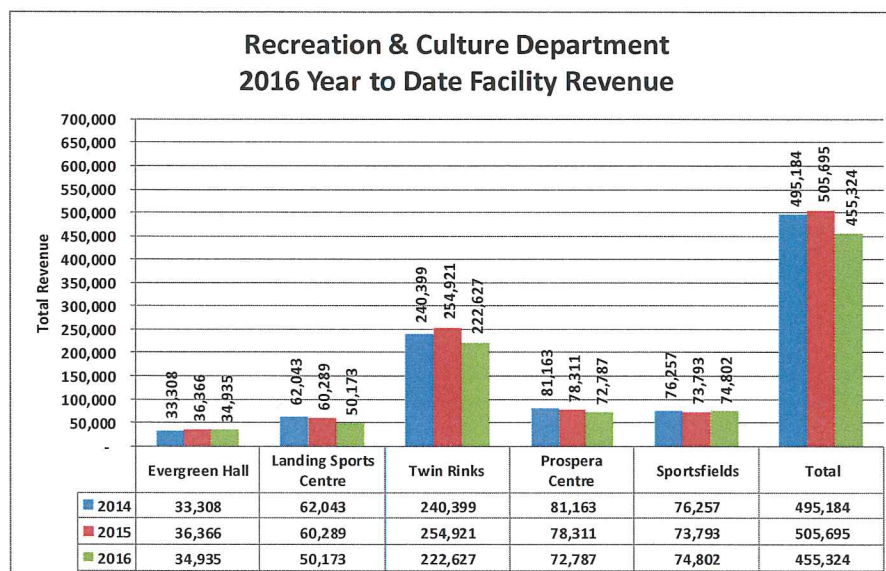
The City of Chilliwack hosted a variety of events to celebrate Move For Health which was recognized on Friday May 6th, 2016. This year the City of Chilliwack once again partnered with the Division of Family Practice in hosting a Walk with Your Doc, Walk with Your Mayor event at Townsend Park. The weather proved to be perfect for all those who turned out for the event. The City of Chilliwack also hosted two lunch time walks on May 6th as part of a week long “Move For Health, Wellness Challenge”.

Community Sport Hero Awards

On May 11th, the 12th annual Chilliwack Community Sport Hero Award ceremony was held at the Best Western Rainbow Country Inn in front of a crowd of approximately 130 friends, family, past winners and sponsors. There were seven highly deserving community sport heroes honoured that evening, totaling 103 recipients over the past 12 years. The event was sponsored by Star FM, Chilliwack Times, the Best Western ,City of Chilliwack, and our newest partner in this Chilliwack Active For Life venture, Recreation Excellence. Tom Watson, owner of Recreation Excellence delivered an impactful keynote speech outlining how his adoptive parents, the power of recreational sports and one particular coach helped mold him into



Recreation and Culture Facility Revenue Report



Neighbourhood Grant Program - Celebration and Activity Grant

The City's Celebration and Activity Grant Program got off to a fast and energetic start during the second quarter of 2016, with several events occurring .

The Beaufort and Currie Block Party was the first to be funded under this program and it attracted 49 neighbours. The organizers were thrilled that the City of Chilliwack and Council started this program, and were thankful for the contributions the City made to their event. According to one of the children in attendance this party made this "The Awesome Neighbourhood."



Saturday June 11th saw the second annual Art Under the Umbrella event hosted, by the Chilliwack Community

Arts Council at Central Community Park. That Local Market kicked off its inaugural event the same morning and partnered with the Arts Council, providing a mutual value-add to each others event.

As if June 11th wasn't busy enough; this day also saw a pair of block parties take place; one on Windsor Street and one on Topley Avenue. The Windsor Street party was unique in that it included live entertainment from their senior residents. The event hosts

expressed appreciation to the City not only for their funding support but also for providing resources that closed off the street, making the party safe for the 75 plus people who attended.

The Topley Avenue block party was fortunate to have had a visit from Safety Bear, who handed out pamphlets on street safety to the children in attendance. Approximately 55 people joined in on a barbeque hosted in one of the neighbour's back yard.

The last event of the second quarter that was funded under the Celebration and Activity program was the Promontory Heights Elementary School Community Build Day. This resulted in several raised boxes being constructed for a

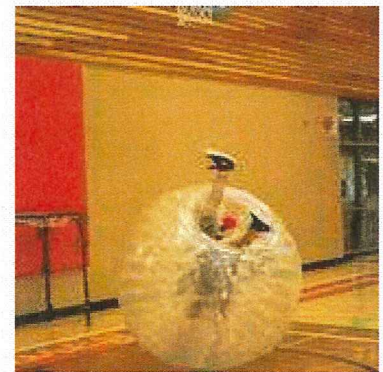
community garden for the students and residents in the area to enjoy. In spite of the rain, students, parents, teachers, and volunteers helped build eight garden beds in all. Approximately 20 kids and 50 adults helped make the day a success.





Rosedale Traditional Community School Society

The facility hosted several exciting events during the second quarter of 2016. A Craft Market, several fundraisers for missionary work, a guitar recital, and a piano recital were all hosted in the facility. The society consistently welcomes community members to the facility for their special events and celebrations. Once again the society partnered with DASHbc, which provided free afterschool programs. This session saw participants from ages 6-12 years of age attending karate, mixed medium art, and ukulele. It's always a pleasure to be able to provide programs to families who may not have an opportunity otherwise. The ever popular Friday Night Drop In Youth Night celebrated the school year end with the group of youth playing bubble soccer. Attendance for this quarter was 5,300.



Greendale Elementary Community School

For April – June, the attendance during the programming at Greendale Elementary Community School remained steady. The majority of the “after school programs” ended the first week or two of June, with two long-term rentals continuing through the summer (Little Kickers Soccer and yoga).

Offered once again this quarter was the ASSAI (After School Sports & Arts Initiative) program which ran a 4-8 week session and allowed children to attend at no cost. Participants received a healthy after school snack and then participated in either sports or music instruction. Watching the children progress throughout the year because of the ASSAI program was very rewarding.

The summer programming is underway and slots are filling up for Acting Drama Camp, Xtreme Sports Camps, Gymnastic Camps and Science Camp. There is currently 45 children registered for the various camps.

130+ children preschool aged and above, attended regular weekly programs. This included karate, Acting Outright, music and sports programming, Little Kickers Soccer, children's yoga, skipping, and gymnastics.

80+ adults attended regular weekly programs; including Community Pop-In, yoga, karate and a variety of fitness programs.

Special events included a Home Alone Course that attracted 13 children and GECSS partnered with the Greendale PAC for a community family event at the Chilliwack Corn Maze at the end of April.

Yarrow Community School Society

Spring was very busy and fun at the Yarrow Community School. Recently the adult activities have almost been on par with the kids and family activities, which is not typical for the site. On an ongoing and weekly basis there has been strong support for Zumba, pilates, boot camps, men's floor hockey and Pickleball. Even the men's basketball had a pretty good showing until the Toronto Raptors made it deep into the playoffs!

The Filipino Basketball League wrapped up their three month session with league playoffs that coincided with a big Filipino Independence Day celebration at the site which had over 200 people in attendance.

The Spring Auction co-hosted by the School PAC and Community School was a great success, raising \$14,000. A portion of this funding will go towards supporting future community school programs.

The ASSAI (After School Arts and Sports Initiative) programs, sponsored by the provincial government included 'Rock the Uke' and archery this last quarter. The archery was so popular that another fully subscribed summer session will be starting soon.

The Community School sponsored garden program was expanded, and there is now a Native Edibles garden bed. A greenhouse will be erected soon during the Family Build Day. The onsite garden is tended daily by the daycare kids. In return for watering and harvesting they get to enjoy a wide variety of produce. A UFV Science student completed some of her work studies by helping with the school's Smoothie Days and assisting with a Mason Bee Workshop led by an extremely knowledgeable and caring senior expert from the Yarrow community.

A full slate of summer programming fills the calendar until late August, and then there will be a bit of a break to get ready for September.



Physical activity is something that everyone can do. You don't need to run a marathon or spend hours at a gym. Look for simple ways to be physically active every day.

You could:

- Take a walk once a day;
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator;
- Spend less time in front of the television or computer;
- Play actively with your kids;
- Walk, wheel or cycle for short trips; or
- Find out about walking and cycling paths nearby by visiting www.chilliwack.com



Chilliwack Central Elementary Community School Society

This quarter, CCECSS amalgamated its two after school programs the After School Sports and Arts Initiative and the 2nd Day After School program into one program which remained called the 2nd Day. This program is headed into its sixth year and grew from originally only being located in one school to now servicing four schools in the downtown area. The primary focus of 2nd Day is on Arts & Sports community driven programming, partnership development, and supports for students facing barriers. The enhancements made this year were done to better service the downtown schools and their families which included the program being divided into three separate sessions (Fall, Winter and Spring). The new model allowed the program to go from servicing 50 students all year long to 225 for the entire year. All three sessions included 2nd Day running three days a week at Central partnering with students from McCammon, one day a week at Bernard, and one day a week at Robertson for the twelve week session. Students were able to take formal lessons in: music learning the guitar, flute, saxophone and claret; choir lessons; swimming lessons at the YMCA; Aboriginal art classes; skating lessons at Prospera; puppetry; dance lessons; and multi sports including tennis, lacrosse, basketball and ringette. CCECSS gratefully acknowledges the funding received by the City of Chilliwack to help support the 2nd Day program.



Promontory Heights Elementary Community School

Promontory Heights Elementary Community School Association enjoyed a busy, fun, winter session of afterschool programs. Spring programs offered included: floor hockey, pilates, yoga, video game design and a program called Baking Buddies.

PHECSA's drop-in programs continued to be a great success! "Tween Night" which was held on Friday evenings, for youth in grades 5 – 7 was supported greatly by the parents with many noting that the program offers kids the chance to socialize with their peers in a safe and fun environment. The Busy Bees caregiver/parent & tot program was often at full capacity and numbers had to be capped at 15 families each week due to limited space. This wonderful program offered a variety of themed crafts and story time, plus lots of free play time, all the while providing participants with a chance to connect with others in the community. The Primetimers program saw an increase in membership and served approximately 20 participants per week. This weekly drop-in group provided seniors with a chance to enjoy conversation and coffee. The private piano lessons operated at full capacity, and a waitlist had to be created. This quarter PHECSA started a drop in Pickleball program every Tuesday and it proved to be very popular. Overall PHECSA had approximately 920 participants for the second quarter of 2016.



Chilliwack Museum & Archives



Kids experience the Museum

The Museum has extended its hours to serve Chilliwack better! They are now open Thursday evenings until 8:30 pm, and Saturdays 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, increasing community access to our collections and programs.

Our new exhibit, "Photography: From Obscura to App," opens September 22nd. The exhibition will show how the developments in photographic processes and techniques have formed how we photograph, what we photograph, and how photography has shaped our perception of the world we live in.

To connect with newcomers to Chilliwack, and make the Museum and

Archives a true point of connection for people new to our community. They are offering one-year memberships free to all newcomers to the city. They have already seen 35 new members in only a few short weeks since launching this initiative. For the public programming, themed "Discovery Bins" geared towards kids open up the local history of Chilliwack, and are available on a weekly rotation all Summer.

Total Museum Visitors – 694 (excludes off-site exhibit locations); Website Visitors – 3,868; Archives visitors – 74; Archives phone / email inquiries – 98



From Obscura to App—New Exhibit

Cheam Leisure Centre and Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre



During the beginning of the second quarter, staff were very excited about opening the freshly painted and cleaned up Rotary Outdoor Pool! School lessons were offered in the month of June and swimming lessons for the first month filled up very fast.



The Cheam Leisure Centre continued to be a busy place for not only swimming lessons, but also for fitness classes, and the Spring Break Youth Camp for kids age 5-12. Due to the huge success of the Spring Break Youth Camps they anticipate a full registration for Summer Camps. The morning AquaFit classes continued to be a huge success, mainly due to instructor Debbie Cameron who has created a huge following. The huge growth and development in the Garrison area has seen a large increase in family and individual memberships. This growth has led to the need to expand both existing and new programs in the coming year.

A new fitness program, called Kangoo, was added the second quarter. The program had participants wear spring loaded shoes enabling them to jump and bounce as a means to exercise. What a unique way to get fit! Attendance for this quarter was 74,323 at Cheam and 74,360 at the Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre.

Chilliwack Cultural Centre

Presented shows

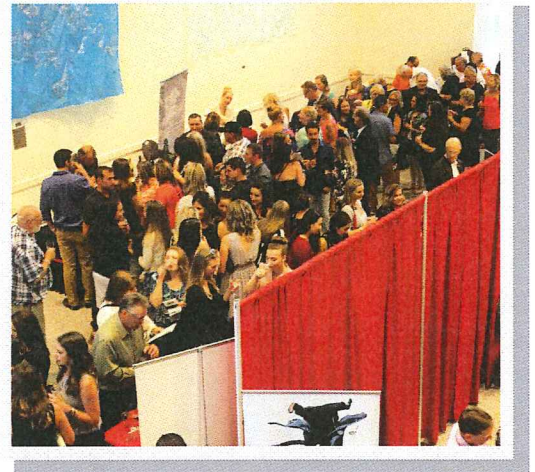
The Society's presentation of the Quebecois circus artistry **Timber** and **Diane Lines' Jump!** thrilled audience members in April. The ever popular, **Art of Wine Festival**, was a hit once more with a sold out crowd in May. The last of the morning classical music concerts with **Sarah Hagen** was also a success on April 15.

Renters

Community partner the Chilliwack Symphony Orchestra & Chorus presented **Voices!** in the beginning of April and **A Piano Extravaganza** in May. **The Nylons**, **John McDermott**, **A Journey of Healing**, **Led Zepagain**, and **The Next Generation Leahy** rounded out the music performances. The Chilliwack Players Guild presented **Gypsy** in April and the **Gin Game** in May. June saw the return of dance performances with **Project Dance**, **Evolution Dance Studio**, and **Creative Outlet** all having their year end shows at The Centre.

Classes and more

A variety of art classes were offered, ranging from pottery, to painting, and more for adults and kids.



Art of Wine Festival

Chilliwack Heritage Park



The past three months have been incredibly busy at Chilliwack Heritage Park. The Yard and Garden Show kicked off the second quarter followed up by the annual Renaissance Dog Show. Dog lovers flocked to Heritage Park to check out the competition and the latest breeds. This was quickly followed up by the Food Truck Festival. This event began two years ago and was hugely successful. The ever popular Vintage Bark Market and Paton Farm Auction rounded out the month of April. In May, the Park welcomed hundreds of BMX competitors followed up by the All About Kids Expo. Then, the Park transitioned to horse show season. Heritage Park hosted the international Vaulting Competition, the Miniature Horses Show and the Reining Horse Show, as well as a variety of local horse events. The approximate attendance for this quarter was 26,100.





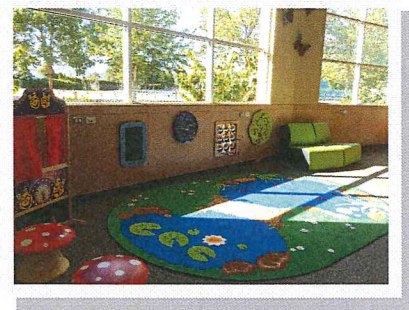
Chilliwack Library

The Chilliwack Library, in partnership with Chilliwack Community Services, conducted library tours to seven groups of newcomers to the Chilliwack community. Through the Chilliwack Newcomers Connection the Library hosted a tour of the library and promoted the services offered to the public for Syrian Refugees. There were 15 refugees and two instructors and all received library cards.

The library also hosted six tours to newcomers to BC who are learning English. This totaled 88 adults and 16 children. The tours accommodated a wide variety of English levels from Level 1 English - (using pictures/actions, speak very slowly, most can follow simple instructions, students will not say much, hands-on learning is proven to be best) through to Level 5/6 English (very competent in understanding, speaking and writing English as well as being confident in carrying on a conversation). This promotion of the library to newcomers was made possible through the library staff attending and participating in Sharing is Caring, sponsored by Chilliwack Newcomers Connection. The staff was able to meet collectively with refugee sponsors and community support groups to promote library resources available. More comfort was felt in using the library as they came as a part of a group and received personalized customer service for their needs. Many participants in this program have established some friendships with staff so that they feel at home when they visit the library.



Sardis Library



The Sardis Library continued to revamp its programs in response to the needs of young families in the community. A few Moms with young babies approached the Librarian, asking if there was any space available to meet and play during the week. Arrangements were quickly made to offer drop-in baby-time sessions with the opportunity to socialize afterwards. Fridays at Sardis this quarter began with between 25 and 30 moms and babies coming together for fun and frolic from 10:30 am – 11am.

The Sardis Library has also recently been the appreciative recipient of a number of grants from the community, including: \$530 received from the Sardis Quilters Group (to purchase quilting books for children and adults), \$250 received from the Chilliwack Lions Club, and \$443.45 received for the Early Family Literacy program and from a Raise a Reader grant provided by the Chilliwack Learning Society.

School visits began in preparation for The “Book a Trip” themed 2016 Summer Reading Club. Library staff and Benjamin the puppet attended a number of elementary school year end assemblies to encourage children to sign up for this popular program.

Yarrow Library

During this quarter two areas in the library received upgrades; the CD shelving area and the children's area. Four new CD music roll-out shelves were replaced with standard shelving to enable customers to browse the library's CD collection with ease. The children's shelving was dismantled and upgraded with new gables to raise each shelf unit to hold more books for both collection expansion and display purposes.

The Yarrow Library hosted the Chilliwack Reading Link Library Challenge in April, a friendly competition where 12 local schools came together for the "Final Challenge." All teams were required to answer questions about the Reading Link Challenge books that students had read over a period of five months. The winner this year was Vedder Chandinators, from Vedder Elementary. The Vedder Chandinators went on to compete in the FVRL Community Challenge where they were pitted against the winning teams from eight other communities in the Fraser Valley Regional Library system.

Yarrow Library also celebrated "International Edible Book Day" by hosting its own event. Customers were invited to bring in their own book-related edible displays. There was an adult, youth and family category. Each entry was judged on creativity, book-relevancy, and age.

During this quarter the library offered the usual regular programs, such as: Storytime, Babytime, LEGO Club, Book Club as well as some FVRL System-Wide programs. In summary, during this busy second quarter the Yarrow library provided 28 programs to approximately 724 attendees.



Edible books on the banks of Plum Creek



Reading Link Challenge Winners

Program Attendance To Date

