



## Township of North Kawartha

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### Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members  
From: Gary Geraldi, Director of Parks and Recreation / Waste Management  
Date: August 6, 2025  
Subject: July 2025 Activity Report

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#### Recommendation:

Monthly Activity Reports are intended for information purposes.

#### Background:

Departmental Activity Reports were created to keep the Mayor and Council Members informed of recent general activity in the preceding month. These reports are not meant to be comprehensive or include day to day operational duties, they are a high-level overview of items separate from regular duties.

#### Analysis:

The following is an activity report from the Parks and Recreation, Waste Management and Facility Maintenance Departments for the month of July 2025.

This is a General Activity Report and as mentioned, it does not include day-to-day activities, customer service responsibilities or regular operational duties.

#### Parks and Recreation

- July 1<sup>st</sup> – Canada Day: We had the NKCC and Fitness Centre open 9am to 5pm.
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> – A new youth summer sport program started, Flag Football. We have various Spring youth sport programs, but Flag Football along with Swim Lessons, youth 3-Pitch baseball, and youth Pickleball, has helped boost the summer youth sports.
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> – I organized and hosted an Emergency First Aid / CPR training course in the NKCC banquet hall, for all North Kawartha employees requiring this training.



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- July 7<sup>th</sup> – The 2025 Swim Program begins! Our Swim Instructors, Victoria Shpikula and Ben Zapolnik are returning this year. As in the past, the Swim Program is comprised of 2 x 3-week sessions. The 1<sup>st</sup> session is held at Quarry Bay Beach and Chandos Beach. Session 2 is held at Chandos Beach and Jack Lake (Anchorage Marina). For info, we always provide a portable toilet for the 3-week session at Jack Lake.
- P&R Staff began to set-up the NKCC arena surface for the Lions Flea Market. This is a large undertaking, as all stages are erected, and all available tables from the three community centre's are set-up.
- July 8<sup>th</sup> - The summer youth 3-Pitch baseball league started. Due to the popularity we are using both the Apsley School and the Lions Park ball diamonds.
- The Lions worked everyday to bring items in, organize, display and price. Several volunteers were at the NKCC daily. The NK Firefighters brought over all the items stored in their storage trailers at the Lions Park. This is always very much appreciated by the Lions Club.
- July 9<sup>th</sup> – The NK Library held a Cooking class at the GACC
- July 10<sup>th</sup> - The NK Library held a Cooking class at the WPCC.
- July 11<sup>th</sup> – The Annual Bob Sutton Bridge Tournament was held in the NKCC Banquet Hall.
- July 14<sup>th</sup> – Mcleod's serviced the water softeners at Wilson Park and Municipal Office, due to faulty backwashing.
- In July, all Facility Septic Systems were inspected and pumped.
- July 19<sup>th</sup> - The Annual Gigantic Lions Flea Market was held. Doors opened at 8:30am and as usual, the flea market was an overwhelming success. The Flea Market, along with the Bottle Return Fundraising program at the Transfer Stations, are the two big annual fundraisers for the Lions Club.
- The NK Library held a reading event at the NKCC during the Flea Market.
- The Finance Dept. set-up a booth at the Flea Market, which was in front of the NKCC reception counter for excellent visibility.
- July 20<sup>th</sup> - The last day of the Lions Flea Market. Blow-out sale on remaining items until noon.
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> – The well ran dry at 135 Burleigh St. We called in Chandos Plumbing as I suspected a faulty flush valve on one of the commercial toilets. The well recovered and we re-stored water within 24 hours.
- Some general facility maintenance was completed at the Municipal Office, including drilling holes in reception area for cable management and replacing a faucet in the employee lunchroom.



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- July 23<sup>rd</sup> - The NK Foodbank held their annual BBQ in front of 135 Burleigh St.  
- We delivered and set-up tables for the NK Library book sale.
- July 24<sup>th</sup> - There was a power outage in the evening, but the hydro was restored.
- July 25<sup>th</sup> - There was another Power Outage and Hydro indicated that it would be out for a few hours. Therefore, staff ensured all generators were started and running including the NKHC. We also started the Wilson Park generator so the students in Station 1 Dorms would have running water. That said, this is not necessary, especially for shorter outages. Shawn Tucker was also instrumental in getting Starlink installed at the Municipal office and checking to ensure all other generators and AC units were running.
- July 26<sup>th</sup> - A Celebration of Life was held at the WPCC.
- July 28<sup>th</sup> - With the NK Knights not returning this season, we worked with Jet Ice to take this opportunity and design a North Kawartha centre ice logo. This is a textile logo, so therefore a one-time fee as the Logo will be reused each year. I guarantee we will be the envy of all County arenas.  
- Session 2 of the Swim Program begins. This session is held at Chandos Beach and Jack Lake Landing.
- July 29<sup>th</sup> - From July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup> we were called daily due to a sulfur smell at the NKHC, specifically the Dental Office. They noticed the smell early in the morning, but we couldn't detect it. After several visits and ensuring the septic was fine, drains cleaned, etc., it was discovered that the smell was coming from their dental supplies/equipment. Their Technician forgot to attach a vacuum line or hose on his last visit. All good now.
- July 30<sup>th</sup> - This was the last night of a successful Flag Football season.  
- On July 28<sup>th</sup>, the main AC unit at the Municipal Office failed. We had previously determined that due to its age, it would be replaced when it failed, unless it was something minor. Unfortunately, it was not. Therefore, within 48 hours we had the old unit diagnosed and received 2 quotes for a replacement unit, and had it installed and running.
- July 31<sup>st</sup> - staff installed an over-the-road banner for the Jack lake Film Festival.

## **Waste Department:**

- July 1<sup>st</sup> - Canada Day: We had the Transfer Stations open with regular operating hours on Canda Day.



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- July 9<sup>th</sup> - Prepared and submitted a staff report on 2025 Ice-Storm Debris Management with a recommended finish date of Sept. 14/25 to coincide with the end of the Summer Transfer Station Schedule. This allows us enough time to include the expense with Ice Storm Funding Reporting.
- July 14<sup>th</sup> - Prepared and submitted a staff report on County decision not to move forward with Non-Eligible Source Recycling collection starting Jan. 01/26. And the plan to communicate this report to the affected properties in North Kawartha.
- July 30<sup>th</sup> - Confirmed with CMO our Transfer Station operating hours and schedule, along with other pertinent details to be included in the new agreements starting Jan. 01/26.

### **Financial Implications:**

N/A

### **Strategic and/or Other Plans:**

#### **Infrastructure**

1. Ensure that the existing infrastructure is sustained reflective of the Asset Management Plan.

#### **Governance**

1. Provide Quality Community Programs and Services.
2. Provide effective, clear and transparent Township Communication.

#### **Environment**

1. Promote Responsible Environmental Stewardship.

### **Consultant(s) Sourced:**

Shawn Tucker, Program Coordinator / Administrative Assistant.

### **Attachment:**

None.