

President Report - Nov 25, 2024

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers, this month's stand outs include Becky Baldwin for just seamlessly stepping in to help with secretarial duties, (I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP BECKY!) and a massive shout out to Jenny Robinson for all her amazing hard work to gather up the prize baskets for the raffle and for making the flyers and tickets and everything, just a huge amount of effort and I think the raffle is going to be hugely successful. I am excited for the results!

Becky has been very helpful. She has organized an order for club swimsuits and got a great rate, same as last year and they are being sent to NAC for pickup soon. Becky has also sent out two separate swag order emails, with the second one to get orders for club gear including hoodies and sweats, etc. We are discussing doing a parents line but that has yet to be confirmed.

Huge thanks to Jenny. Tickets are printed and she has been distributing them. Sales so far are so good over here!

I reached out to Amanda at the RDN (coordinator) about securing pool space next summer for a summer camp, as Jessica had started down this path last Feb '24. She replied with good news, see excerpt below:

"I am starting to plan for the summer now that the Winter and Spring Guides are out. I am going to add this to my list of plans and ideas to figure out how to make it work. I will email you back with some ideas in the next couple weeks, probably early December with some dates, times and info for us to work out the details."

So once we hear back we can begin looking at these options. I noted from her original reply that we could run two camps, one the first week after school ends and one right before shut down. But we don;t have to. LET's see what she comes back with and go from there. Also, I am certain I saw a grant we could apply for that coil count towards this, I will go find it and see if we could use it for that.

Additionally, I reached out to Heath who is responsible for the pool operations, I wanted to learn more about potential closures as I have read in the news that Ravensong is getting a planned expansion, here is his reply:

“We are going through a process currently preparing for the referendum for the borrowing for the purpose of an expansion to Ravensong Aquatic Centre. This will include public engagement and information sessions in the Spring 2025.

All information can be found on the

<https://www.getinvolved.rdn.ca/rac-expansion-referendum> site.

In a nutshell, there has not been a finalized referendum date set (awaiting Provincial approval) but are anticipating in early Spring 2025. The referendum will be held for the public to vote on whether the RDN should move forward with the borrowing of \$30 million dollars for the purpose of an expansion to the Ravensong Aquatic Centre (architect concept drawings are on the GetInvolved.rdn.ca site but includes another pool tank). If approved, the expansion would see construction in 2026/2027 with anticipated completion in 2027. The construction planning would see limited required shutdowns to help minimize service disruption.”

In the short term, this is not something we need to be concerned with at all. Even if and when it gets approved, the expansion will be done to minimize disruption to services.

Future things to discuss, the winter social which I am unable to help with much as I am away and Ari and I will not be attending. We chatted about AquaGo! Kids doing a fun bring-a- friend night just before the break, we need to confirm that and begin to promote that. Are we limiting that to just AquaGo! kids?

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