



**The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa  
Staff Monthly Report**

**Office of Community Services and Tourism**

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**Preamble**

This report details the activities of the Department of Community Services and Tourism in the month of April 2021.

**General**

The provincial shutdown modified our Department's traditional April tasks. With the MMCC operating as a vaccination centre instead of a recreation facility, different challenges were presented to all staff of the Department. We hosted successful clinics throughout the month, as well as took advantage of some early nice weather to get a head start in the parklands and provide the community with these outdoor amenities at a time that these resources are critical to the health of residents.

**Capital Projects**


**Beginning of Capital Projects**

In April, Staff compiled final pricing and began on the smaller Department capital projects. In particular, we are finalizing an agreement to fund some upgrades at the MMCC that we are excited to announce when completed. Larger projects are being held off until the end of the shutdown order, with details coming to Council soon.

**MMCC**

**MMCC Closure – Provincial Shutdown**

While the MMCC has been closed for recreational activities, the facility has been used to both host the vaccine clinics as well as instructors broadcasting municipal programming over Zoom. Office staff have been working a combination of from home as well as at the facility to accommodate any community requests.

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**Arena and Curling**

Nothing to Report.

**Parks and Trails****Parks Opening 2021**

With the onset of nice weather in April, staff worked to open parks early in the season, completing full playground inspections as well as installing (distanced) swings and ensuring that the parks were ready to host residents for the season. As discussed in previous years, the Mission and Marina playgrounds do not pass inspection and require removal, which will be completed in partnership with the IS Department. From staff observations, parks are being used more than in previous years, likely due to the current COVID situation, which requires additional staff oversight to keep up with litter and other normal parks operation tasks.

Staff also closed, and reopened the playgrounds at the beginning of the month. Staff are required to keep up with the latest guidelines and restrictions and this sometimes requires quick transitions between closure and opening dependent on the guidance received by APH and the province. Examples of this communication can be found in **Appendix B**.

**Marina Closure and Operational Changes**

Due to the provincial shutdown, the Marina facility was also closed after staff clarified with APH some of the provisions and rules included in the shutdown orders. Specifics can be found in the public notice included in **Appendix C**.

Additionally, the Marina Operator declined to sign the 2021 Operations Contract, and therefore, based on the requirements with the lease with Small Craft Harbours, the Municipality is unable to use the business as a subcontractor to operate the facility. This required the Department to quickly shift into sole operation of the facility, which will have the primary difference of the Municipality being the sole collector of fees to the facility. This will have the positive effect of ensuring that all revenue generated at the facility remains within the Municipality, but the negative effect of a reduction of service levels as there is no staff present at the facility for the long hours that were kept by the Operator. Staff have rewritten the procedure for slip booking and have begun taking slip fees from the MMCC with assistance from the Finance Department. Booking forms are now available through our new website, and contactless options such as drop-off at the MMCC and e-transfer have been appreciated by residents who have booked slips so far. Advertising is also included in **Appendix C**.

## Community Events and Recreation

### Recreation Programs – April

Our online classes started in April, and have been very successful. We have continued with our Senior classes of Active Fit, Pilates and Functional Fit. With the online platform, we have been able to reach more participants, as our numbers are not limited by the current Provincial Regulations. Previous to going online, we were limited to 9 participants, and have nearly doubled that with our at home classes (see below).

Active Fit/Pilates – 17 Registered Participants

Functional Fit – 10 Registered Participants

Senior Social is a new concept for the MMCC. It was previously offered through other Community Organizations through grants, but was unable to continue due to lack of funds. The MMCC currently runs it Fridays at 1:30-2:30 pm, and has different topics covered each week. Guest presenters such as the WFHT Dietician Justine Glover and Mme. Carolle Pitre have offered their expertise, and the sessions have been maxed out at 20 participants. Through these classes, the opportunity to plant lettuce gardens, and cook a plant based meal, with most supplies provided were very well received. These Sessions are offered through Zoom with an option for calling in on a Toll-free number.

The current fitness and social programs being offered are at no to little cost, thanks to the Social Services Relief Fund.

Wawa Recreation has worked with the Wawa Food Strategy Committee and the Community Garden, with partnerships and programming in mind. Planning is under way for the Community Better Challenge (Participaction's 50th year) to be held June 1-30. Various events are planned to get the community active. Wawa Recreation is working with the Wawa Family Health Team, Algoma Public Health and Superior Children's Centre on this venture.

### Recreation Programming: Online Trials

Due to the stay at home orders, staff have transitioned as much programming as possible online. This includes seniors sessions, with a focus on activity and socialization that is often lacking due to the current climate. Staff have been impressed with the amount of positive feedback received, and the participation, as seen above, has exceeded our goals and expectations. It illustrates how important these connections are during the social and physical isolation brought on by the Pandemic.

## Tourism

### AKTA Summer Projections

The Algoma Kinniwabi Travel Association continues to expect a summer season that will mirror the experience of the region in 2020. Traffic across all platforms has increased between 25% to 45% between multiple tourism marketing offerings, and specifically online offerings have seen the largest increase, indicating a demographic shift towards a younger audience interested in travelling to the area. Staff continue to work with the local EDC and AKTA to see how we can respond to these trends given the effects of COVID.

## Other Projects

### Municipal COVID-19 Safety Plan

Staff have also worked on a small update to the safety plan regarding the employment of summer students. This update includes what training will be provided, as well as reinforces the importance of following public health guidance both within and outside the workplace. It will be presented to Council for acceptance and forms part of the Council responsibility for health and safety in the Municipality.

## Funding and Grants

Nothing to Report.

## Next Month's Outlook

In the Spring and Summer, staff create more detailed work plans due to the more spread out and complex nature of the work being undertaken. The primary tasks for May include:

- **Operations**
  - Complete upgrades to Olympia bay drain sand trap
  - Prepare TIC washrooms for operation
  - Complete beautification activities for the spring
    - Mulch Beds
    - Prepare planter box on Broadway for test repair
  - Complete spring work at Marina
    - Fish cleaning shack renovation
    - Dock repairs
    - Water and Power
  - Schedule summer work for ice plan maintenance

- **Recreation**
  - Program online offerings & advertise to the community
    - Seniors online social
    - General online fitness
  - Prepare summer program planning
  - Work with partners in the community on recreation opportunities
    - Golf Course summer programming
    - Community gardens
  
- **Administration**
  - Tourism
    - Explore alternate means for tourism information in the community
    - Design and source pricing for signage updates in multiple locations
    - Complete draft camping bylaw
    - Create project brief for tourism plan funding application
  - Marina
    - Redo booking procedures to reflect operational changes
    - Take and book slips
    - Continue work on proposal to SCH with Committee
  - Capital Projects
    - Complete and advertise RFP's for large projects
    - Complete smaller purchases (lawn tractor)
    - Complete funding agreement for MMCC upgrades

## Attachments

**Appendix A – April Advertising for Recreation Programs**

**Appendix B – April Public Notices**

**Appendix C – Marina Advertising and Notices**

**End of Report.**



**Extended to MAY 21**

**MMCC  
ONLINE  
Fitness/Social  
Programs**

Continue or start your health care journey from the comfort of your home during the Stay-At-Home order!

**These classes are FREE!**

Big thank you to our community Partners!

**Zoom and phone call in options available for Senior Social!**

Equipment sign out available upon request

**Call 705-856-2244 ext 240 to register or for more information**

**Monday**

9:30-10:15 am  
*Stretch Fit*

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**Tuesday**

9:30-10:15 am  
*Active Fit*

1:30-2:15 pm  
*Functional Fit*

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**Thursday**

9:30-10:15 am  
*Pilates*

1:30-2:15 pm  
*Functional Fit*

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**Friday**

9:30-10:15 am  
*Active Fit*

1:30-2:30 pm  
*Senior Social*



F R I D A Y S  
I N  
A P R I L

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

# SENIORS' SOCIAL CONNECT & LEARN

Free, interactive recreation programming with familiar faces!

## What?

Free, interactive, recreation program by telephone or zoom. Different topics each week; featuring a special guest workshop!

## Who?

Seniors and adults aged 50+ from Wawa and the Surrounding Area

## How?

Call in to our Toll-Free number - any phone will do, no special equipment needed.  
or ZOOM In - Computer and internet access needed

## Why?

Learn from local experts.

Connect with others in your community.

TRY SOMETHING NEW!

## When?

Fridays in April (April 16, 23, and 30!) - 1:30pm - 2:30 pm

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### Topics include:

#### Relaxation Techniques & Gentle Stretch Routine

##### Friday, April 16 - Christine Rask, Wawa Fitness, Dance and Yoga

Join Chris as she guides you through: breathing exercises, visualization, gentle movement/stretching, and relaxation techniques to foster a personal sense of calm and well-being.

#### Plant Your Own Salad Bowl!

##### Friday, April 23 - Carolle Bealieu-Pitre, Flying Geese Farms

Pre-register and you will receive contactless delivery of a Salad Starter Kit! Carolle will guide you step-by-step through the process of planting your kit. Question and answer period about Flying Geese Artisanal Farm and self-sufficient growing techniques

#### Preparing Healthy Plant-Based Meals

##### Friday, April 30 - To Be Announced

Follow along as our guest takes you through preparing a meal step-by-step along with a question and answer period!

**Call us at 705-856-2244 ext 240 to  
register or for more information!**

**Wawa** 




# SPRING FITNESS 7 Weeks

## April 6- May 21

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
6:45 am-7:30 am Full Body Tone	9:30 am-10:30 am Stretch Class	6:45 am-7:30 am Full Body Tone	9:30 am-10:30 am Pilates	6:45 am-7:30 am Full Body Tone	**April 24 and May 15 6:30 pm-7:30 pm Social Dance	
9:30 am-10:30 am Active Fit	* 1:30 pm-2:30 pm Functional Fit with Chris	9:30 am-10:30 am Active Fit	* 1:30 pm-2:30 pm Functional Fit with Chris	* 9:30 am-10:30 am Urban Poling		
* 1:30 pm-2:30 pm Functional Fit with Chris				* 1 pm-3 pm Senior Social		
8 pm-8:45 pm Core Conditioning						

**Pre-registration required for all classes and programs**

Please call 705-856-2244 ext. 240 to reserve a spot

Classes marked with a  are **FREE** due to funding from our community partners!





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**NOTICE:  
PROVINCEWIDE  
EMERGENCY BRAKE  
MMCC CLOSURE**

Following the announcement of the provincewide Emergency Brake, the MMCC will close on Thursday, April 1, 2021 and remain closed for four weeks, or until restrictions are lifted.

This follows new provincial orders received April 1, 2021.

This will not affect the operation of the Vaccination Center, which will continue to operate throughout the shutdown period.

Municipal Staff will continue to provide the community with updates as the situation unfolds.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Community Services and Tourism.

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*April 1, 2021*



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**NOTICE  
COVID-19 PARK CLOSURES  
APRIL 2021**

Until further notice, all Municipal Parks are closed to the public. This is in compliance with new Provincial Orders under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* announced on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Province announced new orders to close outdoor recreational amenities such as sports fields, playgrounds, basketball courts, picnic areas, park shelters, tennis courts, and others.

Green spaces in parks, trails and ravines will remain open for pass-through access, but visitors must continue to practice social/physical distancing and may not loiter in these spaces.

Municipal Staff will continue to provide the community with updates as the situation unfolds.

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*April 16, 2021*



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**NOTICE  
COVID-19  
PLAYGROUND REOPENING  
APRIL 2021**

Under new Provincial guidance, received Sunday, April 18, 2021, some Municipal Parks may now re-open.

Amenities which may re-open include: play structures, benches, and parklands wherever 2-meter distance can be maintained.

Other amenities continue to be closed, including: sports fields, basketball courts, picnic tables and areas, park shelters, and tennis / pickleball courts.

All visitors must continue to comply with COVID-19 guidelines. This includes limiting outdoor gatherings to only members of your household, and maintaining 2-meter physical distancing.

Municipal Staff will continue to provide the community with updates as the situation unfolds.

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# 2021 MARINA SEASON

Harry McCluskie Municipal Marina



## New Sticker System for 2021

## Slip Rentals and Boat Launch Passes



Now Available for Purchase



### Slip Rentals and Boat Launch Passes



Slip Rentals for the Harry McCluskie Municipal Marina and Boat Launch Slips for launches around the community are now available for purchase!

#### Application Form

 Please fill out the Application Form

Available on our website: [www.wawa.cc](http://www.wawa.cc)


Call us for an emailed copy.


#### Payment

 Payment and Completed Forms  
Cheque, e-transfer ([ar@wawa.cc](mailto:ar@wawa.cc)) or cash



 Contactless drop off of payment/form and pick up of stickers by appointment at the MMCC

 Send completed application form and E-transfer to [ar@wawa.cc](mailto:ar@wawa.cc)

 Mail completed application form and cheque to:  
Municipality of Wawa, P.O. Box 500, Wawa, ON P0S 1K0

### NEW MARINA STICKER SYSTEM

Harry McCluskie Municipal Marina is now tracking slips and launches with a new sticker system. All passes must be displayed prominently on the dash of a vehicle or boat. Stickers can either be stuck on or displayed on the dash

#### GREEN STICKER

##### GREEN STICKER

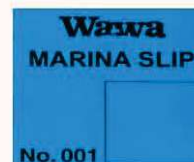
A green sticker will be for seasonal boaters. The number of the slip rented will go in the box, and the pass number will be found on the top of your booking sheet. To reserve last years spot purchase by June 01, 2021.



#### BLUE STICKER

##### BLUE STICKER

A blue sticker will be for monthly, weekly, or daily boaters. The number of the slip rented will go in the box, and the pass number will be found on the top of your booking sheet.



**Boaters are reminded to follow current Algoma Public Health guidelines at all times when using the Marina facility.**

For more information, please contact:

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or by email to [apatterson@wawa.cc](mailto:apatterson@wawa.cc)





# HARRY MCCLUSKIE MUNICIPAL MARINA MUNICIPALITY OF WAWA

COMMUNITY SERVICES & TOURISM DEPARTMENT

3 Chris Simon Drive, P.O. Box 500

Wawa, Ontario P0S 1K0

Phone: (705) 856-2244 Ext. 240

## Marina Price Listing 2021 – After Tax

### **Boat Launch – RED pass required**

Daily .....	\$5.00
Weekly.....	\$20.00
Monthly.....	\$37.50
Seasonal.....	\$75.00

### **Boat Slip Fees (per foot) – BLUE or GREEN pass required**

Daily .....	\$2.00
Weekly.....	\$6.00
Monthly.....	\$10.50
Seasonal.....	\$21.00

### **Serviced Slip (in addition to slip fees)- Yellow pass required**

Daily .....	\$10.00
Weekly.....	\$30.00
Monthly.....	\$62.50
Seasonal.....	\$125.00

### **Payment Options:**

E-transfer, MMCC (By Appointment), mail.

Form available at [www.wawa.cc/en/things-to-do/boating.aspx](http://www.wawa.cc/en/things-to-do/boating.aspx)



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## **NOTICE COVID-19 MARINA CLOSURE**

Effective immediately, the Harry McCluskie Municipal Marina is closed to the public in accordance with the Provincial Order under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* announced on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Province announced orders to close outdoor recreational amenities, including Marinas. It was confirmed by Algoma Public Health that all marinas are to be closed except for the purpose of:

- repairing or servicing boats or other watercraft
- placing boats or other watercraft in the water to be secured until the marina is open to the public
- services that enable people to access their place or residence or other property, to support government operations or services, or for the transportation of items by commercial barges

This closure affects the Marina docks, facilities, and pavilion.

The boat launch will remain open for use. All users must follow current Public Health guidelines when using the launch, including maintaining 2m distancing and limiting gatherings to members of your household only.

Municipal Staff will continue to provide the community with updates as the situation unfolds.

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*April 19, 2021*