



**Recreation, Culture and Tourism Department  
2015 Year in Review**

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The Recreation, Culture and Tourism Department wishes to highlight the various accomplishments from 2015.

- The revitalization of the boardwalk has to be the top highlight for our Department in 2015. The great work by the Algonquin College Carpentry Apprenticeship Students along with Fred Blackstein's great initiatives would not have been possible without their involvement in this project. It was through various donations of materials that made this project feasible and we can't thank them enough. Actual cost to the municipality of \$23,972 vs total estimated project cost of \$160,000.
- Following the operational review of the Operations Department the newly formed Recreation, Culture and Tourism Department was founded. This resulted in the Parks & Facilities Section and the Recreation and Tourism Departments becoming amalgamated into the Recreation, Culture and Tourism Department.
- The new Keeping Pembroke Beautiful Committee was formed with some new community volunteers joining the group. The program can be deemed a success in its inaugural year and we look forward to 2016.
- We undertook the planting of 70 new trees donated by Mark Cullen from Carp. The majority of the trees planted were done in the various parks as most street location were not suitable due to underground and above infrastructure.
- The Amphitheatre was as well a popular attraction all summer with over 78 performances nightly at Waterfront Live. The movie night continued to draw crowds with 8 movie nights planned. We expect this to continue in 2016 with Bogies Bar funding the movie nights.
- Many physical activity programs were initiated in 2015 including Snowshoeing, Yoga in the Park and Standup Paddle Boarding.
- The new initiative of the Off Leash Park was deemed a success with approximately 100 dog tags sold. All of the equipment purchased in 2015 came from proceeds from Bogies Bar.
- The Town of Petawawa and the City of Pembroke partnered to co-host the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Upper Ottawa River Race & Paddle Festival. Approximately 55 people registered for the races and large numbers participate in the free weekend.

Respectfully Submitted,

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