

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



The Community Services Department manages and operates recreational facilities including the Sonora Community Center, the Sun Bowl Arena, Desert Park, and Desert Sunrise Marina. We also develop programs for adults, children, and families, administer special events, oversee the memorial bench program, and maintain park washrooms.

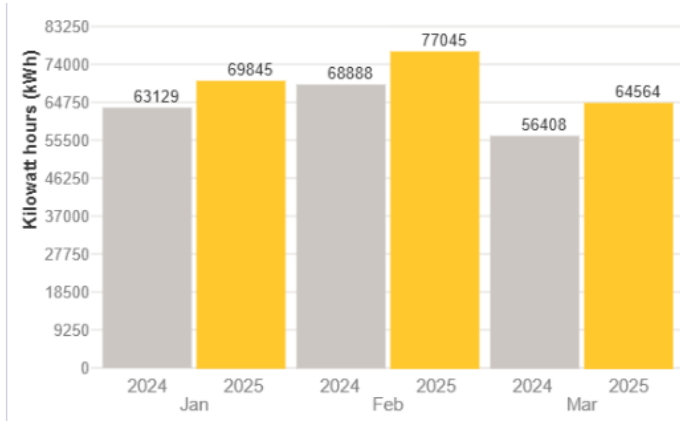
SUNBOWL ARENA



The first quarter of 2025 the Sun Bowl Arena played host to the:

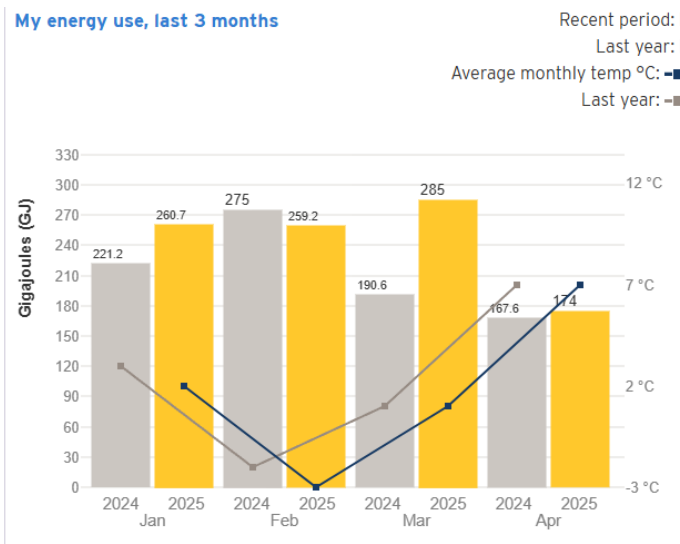
- 51st Atom Fiesta Tournament
- U11 Reginal Playoffs
- U13 Reginal Playoffs
- U18 Reginal Playoffs
- 2024/2025 Sun Bowl Skating Club year end show
- U13 Provincials

Sun Bowl Electrical



- Electrical consumption for the 1ST quarter of 2025 increase due to colder than average temperatures in February as well as increased tournament play.

Sun Bowl Natural Gas



- Natural gas consumption for the 1st quarter of 2025 increase due to colder than average temperatures in February as well as increased tournament play.

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Public ice	First Quarter 2025 Participants	First Quarter 2024 Participants	First Quarter 2023 Participants
Senior, Parent & Tots (Mon. & Wed.)	372	390	208
Shinny Adult Drop in Hockey (Tues. & Thurs.)	312	338	260
Public Skate (Sat. & Sun.)	1170	1210	286

Osoyoos Coyotes	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance
Home Games	2267	1798	1830

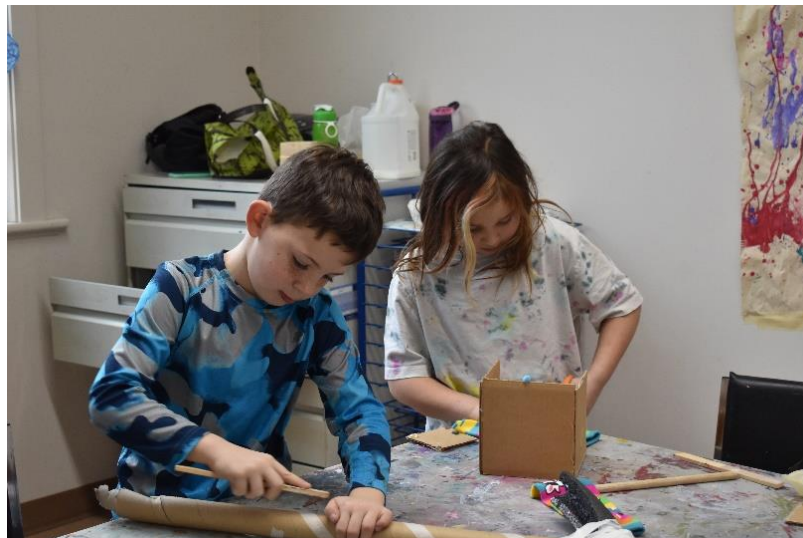
SONORA COMMUNITY CENTRE

Program Mentions

- We had a total of 204 programming registrations in the first quarter. 104 internally and 100 were done online.
- Adult Volleyball league continued for the second half of the season.
- Registration started for the Adult Slo-Pitch League.

Special Events

- 16 Special Event Application Forms were processed
- 2 TGIF Movie Nights (Free)
- Family Day Skate at Sun Bowl (Free)



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PROGRAM & FACILITY NUMBERS

Fitness Class	First Quarter 2025 Participants	First Quarter 2024 Participants	First Quarter 2023 Participants
Walk Fit (Mondays/Fridays am)	434/18 classes ~24/class	291/13 classes ~22/class	289/17 classes ~17/class
Total Body Fit (Tuesdays/Thursdays am)	687/25 classes ~27/class	825/46 classes ~18/class	606/40 classes ~15/class
Mobility & Core (Mondays/Wednesdays)	714/24 classes ~30/class	657/27 classes ~24/class	155/9 classes ~17/class
HIIT (Mondays/Wednesdays pm)	181/21 classes ~9/class	Numbers included in Total Body Fit	Numbers included in Total Body Fit
Zumba (Thursdays pm)	N/A	129/10 classes ~13/class	N/A
Circuit Training (Friday am)	193/13 classes ~15/class	N/A	N/A
Easy Peasy (Wednesday am)	102/10 classes ~10/class	N/A	N/A

Facility Rentals

SCC Rental Space	First Quarter 2025 - # of rentals (does not include Town bookings)	First Quarter 2024 - # of rentals (does not include Town bookings)	First Quarter 2023 - # of rentals (does not include Town bookings)
Room 1	35	29	34
Room 2	16	57	87
Room 3	6	N/A	N/A
Room 4/5	11	12	2
Dance Room	57	35	70
Gym	8	7	37 (Mrs D's)
Bus	8	13	16

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Drop-ins/Membership Check-ins

SCC	First Quarter 2025	First Quarter 2024	First Quarter 2023
Drop-ins	814	906	1044
Membership check-ins	5780	5078	4542

Membership Purchases

Type of Pass	First Quarter 2025	First Quarter 2024	First Quarter 2023
10 Punch Pass	82	56	89
1 Month	71	56	52
3 Month	40	46	32
6 Month	4	4	2
Annual	3	3	2
LISP/Workplace Wellness	5	2	5

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>EXPIRE</u>
BGC	Rental	Annual	Annual
Coyotes Jr Hockey	Agreement	5 years	October, 2027
Desert Park Exhibition Society	Partnering Agreement	10 years	August 2031 – Option for 10-year ext.
RDOS – Sun Bowl Arena	Agreement	5 years	January, 2029
RDOS Recreation Funding	Agreement	5 years	December 31, 2025
Osoyoos and District Art Gallery	Lease	5 years	December 16, 2029
Desert Sun Counselling – Community Garden	Lease	5 years	March, 2025
Osoyoos Lawn Bowling	License to occupy	5 years	September, 2024
Wibit Water Park	License to Occupy	3 years	May, 2025
Portuguese Canadian Cultural Society	Lease	5 years	November, 2028
Wakepilot - Desert Sunrise Marina Office/Parking Stall	Lease	2 years	September 2025
Lake Osoyoos Sailing Club	Agreement	10 Years	January 9,2034
Gyro Park Concession	Agreement	3 years	April 30, 2026

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COMMUNITY GRANTS

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
High School	Bursaries	\$4,500	\$4,500
Sports Team/Individual	Provincials Support	\$2,000	\$2,000
Osoyoos Actors Studio	Production Costs	\$1,000	\$1,000
Desert Valley Hospice	Community Bus Use	\$3,000	\$3,000
S.O. Mental Wellness	Support Group	\$2,000	\$2,000
Osoyoos Beach Volleyball	Equipment	\$10,000	\$5,000
Osoyoos Curling Club	Building Improvements	\$3,500	\$3,000
Osoyoos Festivals Society	Fireworks	\$10,000	\$7,500
Osoyoos Lake Water Quality Society	Program Expenses	\$3,000	\$3,000
Osoyoos Museum Society	Informational Signage	\$4,000	\$3,500
Portuguese Canadian Cultural Society	Dishwasher/Ext Door	\$10,000	\$5,000
Osoyoos Traditional Archery School	Archery equipment/targets	\$8,000	\$4,000
Osoyoos Desert Society	Barrier Free washrooms, parking, pathways	\$8,000	\$4,000
Lake Osoyoos Sailing Club	Accessible washroom upgrades	\$5,000	\$2,500
Big Horn Air Cadet Squadron	Rolling Stair Case	\$2,000	\$500
Osoyoos Lawn Bowling Club	Fencing	\$2,500	\$2,500
Osoyoos Elks Sr Citizens Society	Subsidized activities/build improvements	\$2,500	\$2,500
Arts Council	Track Lighting Repair/replacement	\$1,800	\$1,800
Osoyoos Childcare Center	Appliance Replacement	\$10,000	\$5,000
Total		\$92,800	\$62,300
Budget			\$64,000
Balance			\$1,700

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RESORT MUNICIPALITY INITIATIVE

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
ROUND 1			
Osoyoos and District Arts Council	Spring Festival	\$8,000	\$8,000
Music in the Park	Concert Series	\$38,000	\$32,500
Osoyoos Beach Volleyball Association	Rental, licensing, insurance	\$5,000	\$5,000
S. O. Similkameen Pride Society	Pride Arts Festival	\$8,000	\$8,000
Wide Arts National Association	All Hallows Festival	\$15,000	\$12,000
Osoyoos Festivals Society	Cherry Fiesta	\$6,000	\$7,500
South Okanagan Chamber of Commerce	Oyster Festival – Advertising, Branding	<u>\$ 6,367</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
Total Round 1		\$86,367	\$75,500
Balance			\$24,500
<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
ROUND 2			
Osoyoos Festivals Society	Gyro Park Entertainment and Traffic Control	\$8,000	\$4,500
Music in the Park	Concert Series	\$6,000	\$2,000
Osoyoos Childcare Center	Fundraising Event	\$5,000	\$5,000
Lake Osoyoos Sailing Club	Summer Event	\$2,000	\$2,000
Osoyoos Elks Lodge #436	Afternoon Coffee House Events	\$12,000	\$3,500
S O Chamber of Commerce	Oyster Festival	\$2867	\$1,500
Osoyoos Lake Paddling Club	6 th Annual Dragon Boat Race	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
Total Round 2		\$41,867	\$24,500
2025 Budget			\$100,000
Balance			\$0



MEMORIAL BENCH PROGRAM

During the first quarter no benches were installed. However, there are numerous requests for 2025 and they have been placed on a waitlist.

COMMITTEES

The Community Services Advisory Board is made up of individuals from the Town of Osoyoos, the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen (RDOS), School District #53 and elected officials. The committee's core responsibilities are to review financials, discuss recreation issues and program ideas and analyze or hear from community members before presenting to Council. The elected officials are non-voting members. Community members have an opportunity to sit on the committee when a new Council is elected. The term for the committee coincides with the term of Council and they are appointed every 4 years.

During the first quarter Council appointed Bryan Ewart to the committee. The first meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2025.

The Accessibility and Age Friendly Committee was established in 2018. The same year the Town received an "Age-Friendly" designation from the province of British Columbia.

An age-friendly community is one that is safe, accessible, and allows older adults to live healthy and productive lives. When a community has a good "person-environment fit" (i.e., the association between a person's physical and mental abilities and the demands of their environment), older residents can better maintain independence, have improved health outcomes and experience better social connectivity. Person-environment fit is part of age-friendly planning. If a municipality assesses the environment with an age-friendly lens, conditions tend to improve for all; when municipalities are planning for the needs of those who are aging, they also support the needs of young families and those with differing abilities. The committee meets once a month and is comprised of 6 members from the public along with a member of Council and the Community

Services Director. They will provide advice for future planning of municipal services, programs, and facilities. They will monitor these services and evaluate the progress of these activities. This will include identifying issues related to accessibility in the community, investigating improvements to identified issues, evaluating community input in addressing these issues and advising Council on preferred ways to address accessibility matters. New legislation-BC Act requires the municipality to have an accessibility committee with people with diverse backgrounds.

During the first quarter, the committee met two times. Highlights included:

- Sessions will continue with the free trike program.
- Desert Sun Counselling attended a meeting and talked about the Community Lift Bus Program.
- Committee enquired about repairing the sidewalk drop down by Shoppers Drug Mart.
- Committee planned a accessibility event for business owners to learn about the positive results by having their business more accessible.

Grant Evaluation Committee was formed to provide recommendations to Council on the Town’s Community Service Grant (CSG) Applications, the Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI) Visitor Enhancement funding, and any other grant or funding opportunities that Council makes available to community groups or organizations.

The Committee shall consist of the members of Council appointed by a resolution of Council at a Regular Open meeting. The Director of Community Services will be the staff person who will advise and assist the Committee in providing their recommendations to Council.

During the first quarter, the committee met on February 20, 2025. The RMI program had a total of \$128,234 in 2 rounds of grant requests, whereas the CSG program had over \$92,800 in grant requests.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Project Description	Budget	Anticipated Completion Date	Status
Parks and Trails Master Plan	\$107,000	May, 2025	On Track
Age-Friendly Accessibility Upgrades	\$34,000	On-going	Projects On Track
Outdoor Pickleball Courts	\$250,000	September, 2025	Carried over 2025
Kinsmen Park Equipment	\$125,000	May, 2025	On tRACK
Desert Park Exterior Doors	\$20,000	June, 2025	In Progress

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Sun Bowl Arena Heat Exchanger	\$250,000	May, 2025	Design phase
Southeast Meadowlark Playground	\$110,000	August, 2025	On Track
Fitness Equipment	\$25,000	June, 2025	On Track
Sonora Community Center Exterior Doors	\$40,000	July, 2025	On Track
Table/Chair Replacement	\$30,000	August, 2025	On Track
Sonora Gymnasium Floor	\$10,000	August, 2025	On Track
RMI PROJECTS			
Visitor Activity Enhancement	\$100,000	Dec.31, 2025	Completed/In Progress
Accessible Fishing Pier	\$50,000	2026	Planning Phase/Delayed
Trail/Park Signage	\$250,000	May, 2025	Mostly Complete