

## 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.**

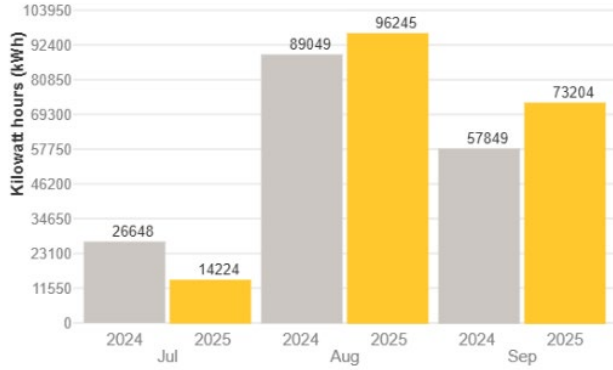
## SUNBOWL ARENA



- While above average temperatures for Osoyoos saw farmers and tourists excited, it made installing and maintaining the ice for the Sun Bowl Arena and Osoyoos Curling Club a challenge this year. This saw a raise in electrical consumption. With the future installation of heat recovery equipment and DDC system this will help us cut back on costs in the future.
- Osoyoos Coyotes held their Fall camp and selected a team. They have completed exhibition games as well as a couple of regular season games. Jackson Playfair is the new head coach for the 2025/2026 season.
- Public skating was a big hit this quarter with the high temperatures seeing people come up to the rink to cool down.
- Private ice booking was higher than expected. This saw the Sun Bowl Arena running at 95% capacity for ice booking right up to Labour Day weekend.
- Sun Bowl was proud to host the Vancouver Canuck Alumni vs the Osoyoos Allstars exhibition game. Funds raised through a percentage of ticket sales for the Rotary Backpack Program. The bar proceeds and raffle items also went to the Rotary of Osoyoos. Congrats to Randy Bedard and the Rotary volunteers for putting on this event.
- The Sun Bowl parking lot was host to another episode of The Tracker.
- The Sun Bowl Arena opened in July. Summer hockey camps, figure skating sessions and junior ID camps were scheduled throughout the summer.
- The Osoyoos Curling Club just finished hosting their summer curling bonspiel. With 144 participants attending the 5-day event. Fun event for all.

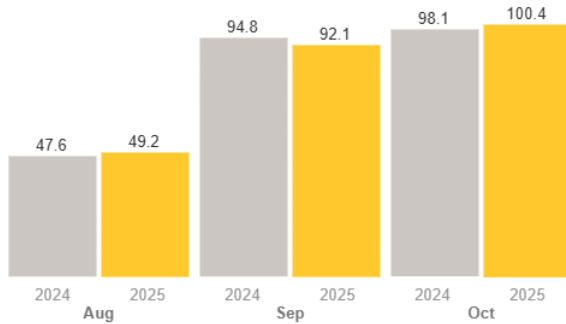
**Sun Bowl Electrical**

- Electrical consumption for the 3<sup>RD</sup> quarter of 2025



**Sun Bowl Natural Gas**

- Natural gas consumption for the 3<sup>RD</sup> quarter of 2025



## QUARTERLY REPORT – JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Public ice	Third Quarter 2025 Participants	Third Quarter 2024 Participants	Third Quarter 2023 Participants
Senior, Parent & Tots (Mon. & Wed.)	305	310	225
Shinny Adult Drop in Hockey (Tues. & Thurs.)	341	327	252
Public Skate (Sat. & Sun.)	1065	979	431

Osoyoos Coyotes	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance
Home Games	879	Na	Na

## SONORA COMMUNITY CENTRE

### Program Mentions

- Our Annual Cactus Kids Day Camp ran once again this summer. 8 weeks of camp were planned. All the camp leaders were returning staff; however we did have a new Camp Coordinator who did a wonderful job keeping everyone organized. We had an average of 50 kids registered each week.
- One week of swimming lessons were held in the lake again in partnership with Water Waves Ltd.
- September saw the return of our Annual Pass Sale from Sept 10th-Sept 17<sup>th</sup>. 287 Annual Passes were sold during that time.
- We had a staggered start to our Fall programs with most programs starting by the end of September. New programs offered included Highland Dancing and Hiking.



### Special Events

- Family Splash Day – July 24th – Food and drink donated by Nesters and Gino's. Rotary Club cooked hot dogs. We had 87 people attend.
- Family Splash Day – Aug 21st –Puppet Show, food and drinks donated by Nesters and Gino's. Rotary Club cooked hot dogs. We had 82 people attend.
- Terry Fox Run – Sept 14th – Donations of apples and pears from community members. We raised \$4,085.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation. We had 45 participants for the run including members of the Coyotes hockey team.
- Community BBQ and Outdoor Movie Night – Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. We had a budget of \$3,200 which was a combination of funds from Volunteer Appreciation and a donation of \$1,000.00 from Strike Alarms. More people came for the outdoor movie than the BBQ with a lot of positive community feedback about the movie. Staff are already making plans for next year!
- TGIF Youth Movie Night Oct 3rd – Free family event. We played the movie "Spiderwick Chronicles" and 36 people attended.
- Parking for Film Crews – Tracker S3 – Sun Bowl Arena Aug 20th to 31st and at the Desert Park on Aug 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Park Use Passes issued – July x2, Aug x2, Sept x5

## QUARTERLY REPORT – JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

### PROGRAM & FACILITY NUMBERS

Fitness Class	Third Quarter 2025 Participants	Third Quarter 2024 Participants	Third Quarter 2023 Participants
Walk Fit (Mondays/Fridays am)	264/15 classes	N/A	N/A
Total Body Fit (Tuesdays/Thursdays am)	586/23 classes	576/24 classes	644/32 classes
Mobility & Core (Mondays/Wednesdays am)	418/22 classes	415/21 classes	194/17 classes
HIIT (Mondays/Wednesdays pm)	19/4 classes (Sept only)	N/A	N/A
Groove It (Tuesdays/Thursdays pm)	305/16 classes	N/A	N/A
Step Class (Wednesday am)	80/12 classes	N/A	N/A
Circuit Training (Friday am)	98/9	137/10 classes	N/A

### Facility Rentals

SCC Rental Space	Third Quarter 2025 - # of rentals (does not include Town bookings)	Third Quarter 2024 - # of rentals (does not include Town bookings)	Third Quarter 2023 - # of rentals (does not include Town bookings)
Room 1	18	21	44
Room 2	3	2	13
Room 3	3	12	10
Room 4/5	3	26	39
Dance Room	15	7	3
Gym	17	25	24
Bus	22	21	44

## QUARTERLY REPORT – JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

### Drop-ins/Membership Check-ins

SCC	Third Quarter 2025	Third Quarter 2024	Third Quarter 2023
Drop-ins	886	651	671
Membership check-ins	3340	2601	2285

### Membership Purchases

Type of Pass	Third Quarter 2025	Third Quarter 2024	Third Quarter 2023
10 Punch Pass	39	48	32
1 Month	32	27	28
3 Month	2	8	7
6 Month	3	1	2
Annual	290	251	262
LISP/Workplace Wellness	7	6	4

## QUARTERLY REPORT – JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

### 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, 2030
Osoyoos Lawn Bowling	License to occupy	5 years	September, 2029
Wibit Water Park	License to Occupy	3 years	May, 2028
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

**\*\* Renewal**

# QUARTERLY REPORT – JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

## 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
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$92,800</b>	<b>\$62,300</b>

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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>
<b>Total Round 1</b>		<b>\$86,367</b>	<b>\$75,500</b>
<b>Balance</b>			<b>\$24,500</b>
<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 <sup>th</sup> Annual Dragon Boat Race	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
<b>Total Round 2</b>		<b>\$41,867</b>	<b>\$24,500</b>
<b>2025 Budget</b>			<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Osoyoos Childcare Center Returned</b>			<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Balance for Round 3</b>			<b>\$5,000</b>
<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
ROUND 3			
Osoyoos Actors Inclusive Society	Production Costs	\$1,500	\$1,500
Osoyoos and District Arts Council	Grant Writing Workshop	\$2,500	\$2,500
Music in the Park	Signage	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
<b>Total Round 3</b>		<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>



## MEMORIAL BENCH PROGRAM

12 Benches were ordered and installed, and to date an additional 3 benches are planned for 2026.

## 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.

**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 third quarter, the committee met times. Highlights included:

- Mobi Mat accessibility at beaches
- eTrike program awareness
- Sidewalk Policy

**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 third quarter, the committee met one time to discuss the third round of grant funding for the RMI program. The RMI program had a total of \$128,234 in 3 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	November, 2025	On Track
Age-Friendly Accessibility Upgrades	\$34,000	On-going	Projects On Track
Outdoor Pickleball Courts	\$250,000	May, 2026	Carried over
Kinsmen Park Equipment	\$125,000	October, 2025	On Track
Desert Park Exterior Doors	\$20,000	2026	Delayed
Sun Bowl Arena Heat Exchanger	\$250,000	May, 2026	Design phase
Southeast Meadowlark Playground	\$110,000	November, 2025	Irrigation design
Fitness Equipment	\$25,000	June, 2025	Completed
Sonora Community Center Exterior Doors	\$40,000	October, 2025	On Track
Table/Chair Replacement	\$30,000	August, 2025	Completed
Sonora Gymnasium Floor	\$10,000	June, 2025	Completed
<b>RMI PROJECTS</b>			
Visitor Activity Enhancement	\$100,000	Dec.31, 2026	On Track
Pioneer Washroom	\$468,686	May, 2026	Phase 1 On Track
Fitness Equipment Pioneer Walkway	\$100,000	May, 2027	On Track
Bike Repair Stations	\$20,000	May, 2026	On Track
Swim Platforms	\$200,000	May, 2026	On Track
Digital Entrance Signs	\$175,00	May, 2026	First Location on Track