

## 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



- During the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter the design for the heat recovery system was completed. RFPs will be advertised in the first quarter of 2026.
- We should also have the completed drawings for the new roof for the Sun Bowl Arena with an expected RFP release in the first quarter of 2026 so that work can be completed while the ice is out for shut down.
- The facility continued to see high bookings throughout the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2025. From birthday parties, private rentals, tournaments and regular practices.

## Reverse Osmosis Water Filtration System



- The new water filtration system was installed and is now operational. The Jet Ice Mach 4 can make 7800 US/gal of treated water per day.
- This was one of the projects outlined in the Fortis Energy Audit, with Fortis BC contributing a substantial portion of the cost. The remaining costs to the Sun Bowl Arena have an estimated return on investment in just 1.6 years.
- Since bringing the system online, we have been able to raise our ice temps by 2 degrees Fahrenheit. This has already shown big savings on electricity with reduced run times.

**Snow Flake Skate and Christmas Break Public Skate**

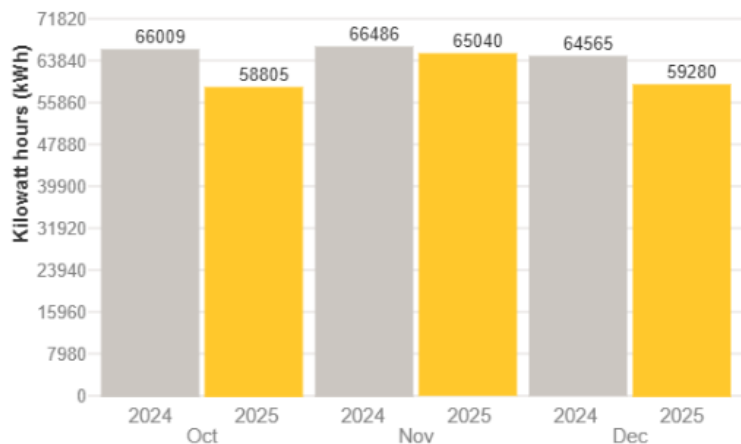
This year's skate was held on December 20<sup>th</sup> with lots of children, parents and grandparents who came out to participate, win some prizes and have a hot chocolate.

Public skate was available every day through the Christmas Break and continued to see large attendance every day. Christmas and Boxing Day saw close to 140 participants each day. Many thanks to the Rotary Club of Osoyoos for their continued support.



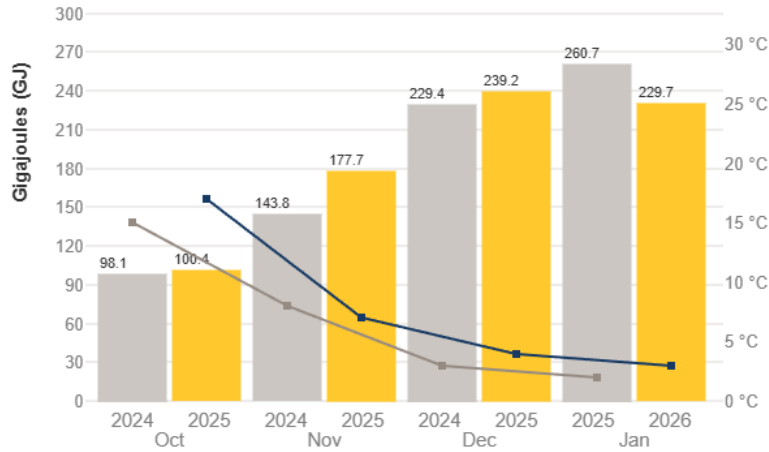
**Sun Bowl Electrical**

- Electrical consumption for the 4th quarter of 2025



**Sun Bowl Natural Gas**

- Natural gas consumption for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2025



Public Ice Participants	Fourth Quarter 2025	Fourth Quarter 2024	Fourth Quarter 2023
Senior, Parent & Tots (Mon. & Wed.)	321	341	316
Shinny Adult Drop in Hockey (Tues. & Thurs.)	367	384	327
Public Skate (Sat. & Sun.)	2111	2024	1901

Osoyoos Coyotes	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance
Home Games	3110	3107	3245

SONORA COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Program Mentions**

- Drop-In Fitness classes continue to be well attended and one of the most popular services we offer the community.
- Staff offered a new after-school sports club on Thursdays, 3 pm - 4 pm, for ages 8 - 12. This program is full and allows drop-ins.
- Winter program registration started. Staff were very excited to offer cooking classes for adults and youth, along with a new science program for kids.
- Staff saw 52 in-person registrations and 85 online registrations for Winter Programs.
- A new Accessibility Board has been installed in the hallway. A Winter Break Science Lab program ran on Dec 22, which was very successful.



**Special Events**

October

- **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** TGIF Movie Night ~ Spiderwick Chronicles ~ 36 people
- **October 24<sup>th</sup>** TGIF Youth Dance ~ put on by the elementary school parents through TGIF ~ over 300 attended
- **October 31<sup>st</sup>** Halloween Howl ~ Games and candy in the gym ~ 85 attended

November

- **November 7<sup>th</sup>** TGIF Movie Night ~ Superman (2025) ~ 28 people
- **November 28<sup>th</sup>** TGIF Movie Night Double Feature ~ Polar Express ~ 12 people and A Boy Called Christmas ~ 17 people

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### December

- **Dec 6<sup>th</sup>** Jingle Bell Run ~ in partnership with the Desert Valley Running Club. ~20 people attended and \$100 raised for the Osoyoos Food Bank.
- **Dec 20<sup>th</sup>** ~ Snowflake Skate
  - **Door:** Each person received a voucher for one free hot dog and drink, and one prize ticket for the free draws. 122 people came to the event.
  - **Raffle Table:** Full Turkey Dinner raffle tickets were sold for \$2 for one and 3 for \$5. We raised \$145 for the Food Bank.
  - **Santa Visit:** Mr. and Mrs. Claus came to visit with the kids from 1-3 pm. They handed out candy canes, and Santa skated with the kids, too! We also had the additional characters: Frosty, the Grinch and Rudolf!
  - **Cookie Decorating:** In the Mezzanine, we set up tables and chairs for kids to decorate sugar cookies. (one cookie each + icing and sprinkles).
  - **Colouring Contest:** In the Mezzanine, there were colouring tables and the contest was for ages (0-3), (4-6), (7-9), (10-12). The prizes were given out on the same day.

### PROGRAM & FACILITY NUMBERS

Fitness Class Participants	Fourth Quarter 2025	Fourth Quarter 2024	Fourth Quarter 2023
Walk Fit (Mondays/Fridays am)	484/17 classes Avg 28/class	208/16 classes Avg 13/class	N/A
Total Body Fit (Tuesdays/Thursdays am)	590/24 classes Avg 24/class	692/23 classes Avg 30/class	769/41 classes Avg 18/class
Stay Strong (Wednesday am) <i>Formally Easy Peasy</i>	37/9 classes Avg 4/class	33/7 classes Avg 4/class	N/A
Mobility & Core (Mondays/Wednesdays am)	632/25 classes Avg 25/class	616/22 classes Avg 28/class	497/24 classes Avg 20/class
HIIT (Mondays/Wednesdays pm)	135/21 classes Avg 6/class	217/22 classes Avg 9/class	N/A
Groove It (Tuesdays/Thursdays pm)	588/21 classes Avg 28/class	N/A	N/A
Step Class (Wednesday am)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Circuit Training (Friday am)	125/10 classes Avg 12/class	135/8 classes Avg 16/class	N/A

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### Facility Rentals

SCC Rental Space	Fourth Quarter 2025 - # of rentals (does not include Town bookings)	Fourth Quarter 2024 - # of rentals (does not include Town bookings)	Fourth Quarter 2023 - # of rentals (does not include Town bookings)
Room 1	19	41	28
Room 2	4	14	30
Room 3	16	15	N/A
Room 4/5	5	40 <i>(Kiwaniis Share the Christmas Spirit)</i>	17
Dance Room	36	57	93
Gym	19	18	19
Bus	8	13	15

### Drop-ins/Membership Check-ins

SCC	Fourth Quarter 2025	Fourth Quarter 2024	Fourth Quarter 2023
Drop-ins	781	670	681
Membership check-ins	5679	4394	3840

### Membership Purchases

Type of Pass	Fourth Quarter 2025	Fourth Quarter 2024	Fourth Quarter 2023
10 Punch Pass	58	53	40
1 Month	39	34	30
3 Month	30	23	26
6 Month	17	20	12
Annual	4	4	11
LISP/Workplace Wellness	3	1	2

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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, 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
Wake pilot - 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**

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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
<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

No benches installed during fourth quarter.

## 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 fourth quarter we held one meeting. Topics included: Desert Park Building and a joint use agreement with the school district.

**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 fourth quarter, the committee met 3 times. Sue Terada stepped down from the committee after serving for the entire time since its inception. Thank you to Sue for her dedication and continued support. Following Sue's departure we welcomed a new member, Bill Howe.

**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 fourth quarter, the committee met one time to discuss the upcoming grant applications for 2026.s.

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### CAPITAL PROJECTS

Project Description	Budget	Anticipated Completion Date	Status
Parks and Trails Master Plan	\$107,000	March, 2026	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	Completed
Desert Park Exterior Doors	\$20,000	2026	Delayed
Sun Bowl Arena Heat Exchanger	\$250,000	May, 2026	Design phase
Southeast Meadowlark Playground	\$110,000	2026	Irrigation design
Fitness Equipment	\$25,000	June, 2025	Completed
Sonora Community Center Exterior Doors	\$40,000	October, 2025	Completed
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
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	June, 2026	On Track