

MUNICIPAL PROCLAMATION.

June is Recreation and Parks Month.

WHEREAS, in the Township of South West Oxford, we are fortunate to have a variety of recreation and park systems providing countless recreational opportunities for residents and visitors from around the world; and.

WHEREAS, recreation enhances quality of life, balanced living and lifelong learning; helps people live happier and longer; develops skills and positive self-image in children and youth; develops creativity; and builds healthy bodies and positive lifestyles; and.

WHEREAS, recreational participation builds family unity and social capital; strengthens volunteer and community development; enhances social interaction; creates community pride and vitality; and promotes sensitivity and understanding to cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, parks, open space and trails provide active and passive outdoor recreation opportunities, help maintain clean air and water; and promotes stewardship of the natural environment; and.

WHEREAS, recreation, therapeutic recreation and leisure education are essential to the rehabilitation of individuals who have become ill or disabled, or disadvantaged, or who have demonstrated anti-social behaviour; and

WHEREAS, the benefits provided by recreation programs, services and parks, and open space, reduce health care and social service costs; serve to boost the economy, economic renewal and sustainability; enhance property values; attract new business; increase tourism; and curb employee absenteeism; and

WHEREAS, all levels of government, the voluntary sector and private enterprise throughout the Province participate in the planning, development and operation of recreation and parks programs, services and facilities;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that Ontario does hereby proclaim that June, which witnesses the Greening of Ontario and serves as a significant gateway to family activities, has been designated as Recreation and Parks Month, which will annually recognize and celebrate the benefits derived year round from quality public and private recreation and parks resources in the local, regional and provincial levels.

Therefore, the Township of South West Oxford, in recognition of the benefits of values of Recreation and Parks, do hereby designate the month of **June as Recreation and Parks Month.**