

Don't let Sports Equipment go to Waste!

Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council ReForum Conference Presentation



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The Sports Equipment Vault

We accept used sports equipment and bikes that your household has grown out of and give them out to anyone who needs in the community.

Help others be Notoriously Active!



The Program Helps

1. Break down Financial & Accessibility barriers
2. Individuals have a sense of belonging and feel apart of a Team.
3. Sense of community
4. Repurposes sports equipment and keeps it from being tossed and ending up in the landfill





1 Recreation and active living are essential to personal health.

- Reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke
- Aids in controlling osteoporosis and diabetes
- Prevents osteoporosis (e.g. breast cancer) and bone problems
- Recreation is a proven therapeutic tool contributing to mental health

2 Recreation is a key to balanced human development.

- Recreation is essential to the development of children and youth through the development of motor skills, social skills, creativity and self-esteem, cooperation and concepts
- Recreation provides life-long learning opportunities for adults

3 Recreation and parks are essential to quality of life.

- Recreation, sports and activities build self-esteem and positive self-image

4 Recreation reduces self-destructive and anti-social behavior.

- Recreation reduces loneliness, isolation and alienation
- Recreation, sports and activities are antidotes to smoking, substance abuse, suicide and depression in youth

5 Recreation and parks build strong families and healthy communities.

- Recreation, sports and activities build social skills and stimulate participation in community life
- Families that play together - stay together. Children and youth, when connected, realize that share leisure interests are more likely to stay together
- Recreation, sports, activities produce leaders who serve their communities in many ways

6 Pay now or pay more later. Recreation reduces health care, social service and police/justice costs.

- Fitness and well-being reduce both the incidence and severity of illness and disability thereby lowering health care costs
- Recreation reduces crime and social dysfunction - reducing police, justice and incarceration costs

7 Recreation and parks are significant economic generators in your community.

- Recreation, parks and activities:
 - Attract businesses and tourism to the community
 - Are employment generators
 - Improve work performance, increase productivity and decrease absenteeism

8 Parks, open spaces and natural areas are essential to ecological survival.

- Open spaces protect habitat, biodiversity and ecological integrity

Photo: Recreation Services Dept. Source: The Benefits Catalogue, 1997. Used with permission from the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association.

The Benefits of Recreation are endless

- Essential to personal health
- Balanced human development
- Quality of life
- Reduces self-destructive and anti-social behavior
- Strong families and healthy communities
- Pay now or pay more later (reduces health care, social services and police/justice costs)
- Significant economic generators in your community
- Essential in ecological survival



Where the program started

- The Parks & Rec Dept. was looking for a use for the old Scouts Hall building that was inherited in Westend Park
- Decided to start collecting sports equipment to give out to whoever needs in the community and the Sports Equipment Library was started in approx. 2010.
- In approx. 2014 we partnered with the Moose Jaw Police Service to provide bikes to whoever needed in the community





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New (Old) Building to Run Program out of!

441 Fairford Street West

Pros;

- Closer to downtown
- Power
- No stairs, ground level
- Off street parking





Sports Equipment Vault Entrance

← Door wrap to highlight which door to enter (we learned quickly folks would go to the 4 different doors)



Note:
Open
once a
Week



Sports Equipment Library & Bicycle Recycle Program

FREE

**OPEN
Wednesdays**
April 19— May 31, 2017
4:30 — 5:30pm

● **Come pick up or drop off equipment!**

- **Bikes**
- **Cleats** (football, soccer, baseball)
- **Shin guards**
- **Rollerblades**
- **Golf clubs**
- **Baseball gloves & batting helmets**
- **Skates, hockey equipment and more!**

Located at
441 Fairford St. W

Is your garage filling up with sports equipment or bikes your family has outgrown? Donate it to our program for someone else!
Questions? Call Moose Jaw Parks and Recreation at (306)694-4447



■ Sports Equipment Library Open House



KATHAN LEWICKI/TIMES-HERALD

Onlookers check out the City of Moose Jaw parks and recreation department's Sports Equipment Library Open House on Thursday afternoon. The items, ranging from hockey equipment to skis and baseball gloves, were free for people to leave with. "We strive to break down the barriers families in the community face to become more active," said Nicole Walchuk, recreation program supervisor.

Spring 2015
Newspaper clipping

← First contracted
Bike Mechanic



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Month**



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Promotional events;

- Booth at Sidewalk Days
- Parades
- Tradeshow booth



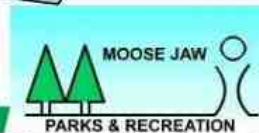
**FREE Sports Equipment
Library & Bicycle
Recycle Program**

Come in we're OPEN!

Pick ups or drop offs welcome



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Car magnets were a good investment;

- used them in parades
- stuck to the metal entrance door when Sports Equipment Library was open



Some of the Groups who have Utilized the Program;

1. Jumpstart Applicants
2. Kidsport Applicants
3. Aboriginal Outreach Program Applicants
4. Ranch Ehrlo families
5. Beginner Kids Hockey Program
6. School Divisions
7. Minor Sport Organizations
8. Moose Jaw Multicultural
9. Newcomer Welcome Centre
10. KidsFirst



WANTED

Bicycle Mechanic



You set your own hours, you supply your own tools and garage.

**Position starts immediately
\$16.97/hr honorarium
Criminal Record Check required**

Please call Moose Jaw Parks & Recreation
306-694-4447



...Started with one, then added a second Bike Mechanic



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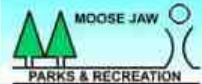
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BIKES
TODAY**



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People would be lined up at the door (think Boxing Day Lineups) before we were even open, we couldn't keep up with the demand for bikes.

...We started to post when we didn't have bikes.



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In 2020 we renamed the program “Sports Equipment Vault” as there was some confusion of folks thinking it was at the Public Library with “Library” in the title.

← In 2021 we created a program logo



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Yara Centre 306-692-2788
Public Library 306-692-4444
Museum & Art Gallery 306-692-2788
Wakamow Valley 306-692-7777
River Park Campground 306-624-4444
Mosaic Place 306-694-4444
Warrior's Office 306-694-4444

SPORTS EQUIPMENT VAULT

441 Fairford St W. recreation@moosejaw.ca

Book an appointment on the Mobile City App or through the City Website to come see if we have the FREE sports equipment and/or bikes your family needs to be Notoriously Active this summer!

Mosaic Place



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#notoriouslyactive

recreation@moosejaw.ca

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NOTORIOUSLY ACTIVE NEWS

2021 SUMMER

PARKS & RECREATION GUIDE

In 2020 there was a big push to move everything online with the COVID-19 Pandemic and our Rec Guides went digital



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BIKE BLITZ

Tuesday, April 13th

6:00-8:00pm

441 Fairford St W



Help us get bikes tuned up for the community. We are getting donated bikes road ready from our Sports Equipment Vault so they can be given to deserving members of our community.



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No experience? No worries!
Learn and volunteer!
COVID-19 prevention
protocols in place. Bring
your own tools if you can!

Call Parks at Recreation at
306-694-4447 to volunteer or
email recreation@moosejaw.ca

Last Spring we attempted to run an outdoor Bike Blitz event but folks just didn't have the comfort level for gathering yet.

This Spring we are going to try calling on Service Clubs to do one-day work-bees to get bikes fixed up and out the door.





Service Clubs
we need your help
fixing bikes!



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Register now for our
DIY Bike Repair
Workshop!



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**If at first
you don't
succeed,
try, try,
again!**



← First Screenly
Tv Ad.

Tv screens for
marketing
purposes were
installed in City
Recreation
Facilities in
2021.



**Register for a Perfect Mind account,
cityofmoosejaw.perfectmind.com**

Download the FREE
City of Moose Jaw APP
to register for
recreation activities.



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Book an appointment online to check out the Vault!

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In 2022 we repurposed household waste bins into sports equipment donation bins in our Arena Lobby's.



We started to
create Tv ads
that specified
which sports
equipment we
were running
low of.



We need skates, helmets and hockey sticks to help others get [#NotoriouslyActive](#) this winter. Please consider donating them to the Sports Equipment Vault (441 Fairford St W), open tomorrow from 4-6pm and we have donation bins @ Kinsmen Sportsplex & Pla-Mor Palace. [#CityMJ](#)

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We turned to social media to try to get specific sports equipment donations we couldn't keep on the shelves!



2022 Finance was getting rid of shelves, we'll repurpose those!



Do what you can,
with what you have,
where you are.

-Theodore Roosevelt



Learn more at
SpiritualCleansing.Org



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Expenses

- Hourly wages for contracted staff who supervise the Sports Equipment Vault when we are open (provide customer service)
- Hourly wages for contracted Bike Mechanics
- Purchased some of the larger garage shelving
- Purchased 2 cage-style retail bins a local business was selling cheap
- Small collection of tools to work on bikes
- Small air compressor
- Bike repair stand
- Replacement tire tubes, WD40, oil, brake cables

In-Kind

- City Parks & Rec Staff wages
- Staff mileage
- City trucks for hauling large items
- City storage facility we operate out of
- Repurposed shelves, tables, chairs, bins & barrels
- Repurposed white board
- Marketing and promotion



Thanks to our Funders!



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Feedback we've received;

- Maybe hockey could be an option for my kids!
- You should have seen my son's face when he walked in his bedroom, and I had all the hockey gear laid out for him! He was so excited he hugged me and started crying.
- I can't believe I never knew about this program. I am so proud of Moose Jaw right now!
- Where do you get all this stuff? How much is it? Its all free? Even the bikes?!
- I can keep this? I don't need to return it?
- This is such a great program!(#1 comment we hear)



What's next? (if we find funding)

- Install after hours metal donation door
- Black rubber floor mats where folks try on skates
- Building needs some work including roof repairs
- Heated building would be ideal in Winter
- Open regular hours/12 months of the year
- Branded City vests for staff on-site
- Have someone fixing bikes 12 months of the year
- Mural on an exterior wall to spruce up the building and make the location more visible
- OR add onto a Recreation Facility and move the program there!!



Follow us as our program continues to grow!

1. Website – moosejaw.ca
2. Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/CityMJ/>
3. Twitter - @CityofMooseJaw
4. Instagram - [cityofmoosejaw](https://www.instagram.com/cityofmoosejaw)





Thank you
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attending!



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