



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Community Services Programming September 2022 Update**

**Prepared By: Elyse Dewar, Administrative Assistant/Program Coordinator**

**Department: Community Services**

**Date: Sep. 7, 2022**

**Report Number: CS-2022-09-54**

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### **Attachments:**

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2022-09-54 prepared by Elyse Dewar, Administrative Assistant/Program Coordinator.

### **Background:**

The Community Services Department organizes and coordinates annual programming and events such as fitness classes, the Winter Carnival, Wolf Cub Adventure Camp, minor soccer and baseball and the Ripley Food Art Craft Festival.

### **Discussion:**

The Community Services Department is excited to work with fitness instructor Melissa Dozios, offering three new fitness programs, including a low-impact gentle fitness class on Wednesday mornings in Point Clark; a beginner spin class on Wednesday evenings and an intense TRX Tuesday morning bootcamp, both at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. The Community Services [fitness program webpage](#) has full program details and online registration.

We are also offering a youth program, called [Strong is Beautiful](#). This 4-week program for young girls, age 12-14, was created to support a healthy relationship to their body and mind. Each week includes a physical activity such as TRX, Spin, Bikes, Cardio or weights, followed by education on approaching stressful situations (mentally and physically), through various mindfulness-based techniques. This program begins October 5 and registration is now open on the [Strong is Beautiful webpage](#).

The Ripley Food, Art and Craft Festival had a successful turnout this year with 389 attendees and 33 local vendors. We received positive feedback from both the attendees and the vendors, some of whom of already have register for the 2023 festival. The Ripley Food, Art and Craft Festival committee would like to thank all our volunteers who helped to make our event such a success this year.

Ripley Summer Sports have wrapped up for another successful season. A Coach's Appreciation Night was held on August 31 and the Summer Sports Banquet is scheduled for September 9 at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre.

Registration for the St. John Ambulance Babysitter Course reached capacity at 18 participants with a waitlist for the next course, planned for the new year.

We have started booking the ice times, starting Saturday October 1, for the Moms and Tots, the Huron-Bruce Minor Hockey Association, the Ripley Skating Club, the Ripley Wolves and the Ripley Oldtimers League. We are starting to reach out to our local businesses and organizations for sponsorship requests for the weekend Shiny and Public Skating times.

**Financial Impacts:**

Included in our current budget.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are a prosperous community that continues to grow in a sustainable manner

By growing a diversity of tourism opportunities

We are a vibrant community that values our uniqueness and creativity

By creating places where people want to be

By celebrating what makes us unique

By supporting and growing the arts and creativity

We are a spirited community that takes pride in calling Huron-Kinloss home

By supporting a diversity of lifestyles

By maintaining a sense of connection and cohesion with each other

By engaging in our community

By retaining our youth

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Elyse Dewar, Administrative Assistant/Program Coordinator.

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer