



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Early Investment in Education and Skills 2022 Update**

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**Department: CAO**

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**Attachments: HK EIES Guidelines 2022**

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number CAO-2022-10-33 prepared by Lindsay Small, Project Coordinator and in so doing, supports the remainder of proposed EIES funding as detailed in the body of the report.

### **Background:**

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is working with communities to build capacity for participation in the Adaptive Phased Management project. This includes investments in training and education to equip community members, including youth, to work at the Centre of Expertise, and in site preparation, construction and operation activities. These investments are intended to include transferable skills that could be applied to other projects or workplaces as well.

The Early Investment in Education and Skills program was developed to support education and skills training for Huron-Kinloss residents as well as provide funding for youth with an emphasis on learning initiatives that focus on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Expenses in this EIES program may include: Traditional Knowledge-related education, work experience in a community-minded endeavor, local/regional job fairs to support students in understanding opportunities for post-secondary/trades, workshops for general skills development on topics such as computer literacy, business planning, proposal writing, bookkeeping, first aid training, project planning, conflict resolution skills, communication training, and grants for skills training programs.

The Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee and Huron-Kinloss Council approved the community plan in 2017 and the guidelines for the EIES program. As the NWCAC is no longer in operation, any previous guideline amendments have been made by Council since late 2019.

**Discussion:**

Since 2017, the EIES program has invested over \$175,000 back into the community through workplace training, continuing education and support for youth initiatives.

The program funding for 2022 is \$55,000, an increase of \$25,000 from last year. The 2022 program guidelines are attached to this report.

The EIES Committee would like to propose Council approve several recommendations for spending the remainder of funding for 2022, as we are now in Q4 of 2022 and have a surplus of approximately \$31,000. The EIES Committee is committed to revising the EIES Program Parameters in early 2023 to further expand our reach and funding possibilities.

The EIES Committee proposes that the remainder of 2022 funding be allocated to the following youth groups and/or organizations:

- 1st Lucknow Spark/Brownies Unit
- 1st Lucknow Guide/Pathfinders Unit
- Local 4-H clubs supporting Huron-Kinloss Youth
- Ripley & District Junior Horticultural Club 'For Our Youth'
- Bruce Botanical Food Gardens Summer Student
- Heritage Coordinator role for the Point Clark lighthouse
- Private schools in Huron-Kinloss (Horse Drawn Community)
- Huron-Bruce Minor Hockey Association
- Ripley Huron Skating Club
- Additional local clubs supporting Huron-Kinloss Youth

Funding up to ten participants \$200 each in the Sprout Youth Entrepreneurship Program through The Hub.

Funding two local public schools, Ripley Huron Community School and Lucknow Central Public School with \$470 each to cover the cost of hosting 2 Scientists in the Schools events each.

As in previous years, the EIES committee recommends that any surplus funds after the above funding contributions be invested in Municipal staff training (such as first aid, etc.)

Upon approval from council, the EIES committee will meet again to decide funding allocations per each group or organization (dependent on enrollment and participation numbers).

In January 2023, the Project Coordinator will bring a report to Council detailing EIES spending for 2022.

**Financial Impacts:**

The EIES program funding is provided by the NWMO.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

The information provided in this report is consistent with and in keeping with the Municipality's Vision & Mission. The recommendations in this report contribute to the goals in achieving a prosperous community that continues to grow in a sustainable manner. Projects in this report assist staff in achieving the following projects in the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan Action Plan: P2.4 Continue to learn about the NWMO DGR Project.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

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**Report Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer