



Staff Report

Report Title: Community Services Programming – November 2022

Prepared By: Elyse Dewar, Administrative Assistant/Program Coordinator

Department: Community Services

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2022-11-61 prepared by Elyse Dewar, Administrative Assistant/Program Coordinator.

Background:

The Community Services Department organizes and coordinates programming for youth and adults such as fitness classes, Wolf Cub Adventure Camp, Home Alone/Babysitting Courses and minor baseball and soccer leagues as well as annual events such as the Winter Carnival and the Ripley Food Art Craft Festival.

Discussion:

The Community Services Department strives to provide programming and opportunities to our residents that supports their physical activity, mental health and a healthy lifestyle.

[Fitness/Education Classes](#)

Our fall fitness programs have been extended another 6 weeks due to the success of each class. The winter evening Spin Class is now full as well as the morning Move Your Body – Low Impact fitness class in Point Clark. Staff continues to work with our instructor to offer new programs such as TRX Blast and an evening low-impact fitness class.

The Strong is Beautiful program for girls 12-14 has started the next 4-week session with a full class. We received positive feedback from parents and participants and are hopeful to offer it again in the new year.

We have confirmed a date for another St. John Ambulance Babysitter Course on January 4, 2023. Marketing for this class will begin in November.

[Sponsored Public Skating](#)

Public Skating times throughout the season are sponsored, thanks to the support and generosity of our local businesses and organizations. Typically, Public Skating is Saturday evenings and a few Sunday afternoons. Promotion for each sponsored Public Skating happens weekly.

[Winter Carnival](#)

Plans are underway for the 2023 Ripley Winter Carnival, set for Saturday, February 18, 2023. After two years of a modified Winter Carnival due to the pandemic, we are looking forward to bringing back this community event with activities such as the pancake breakfast, ice painting, hockey games, sleigh rides and more.

[Summer Sports Committee Update](#)

On October 14, the Ripley Summer Sports Committee hosted a fundraiser featuring medium Kelly Elson. The event was sold out within a few weeks. The committee was happy to have reached their goal of selling 150 tickets. Revenue details have not been finalized, but profit is about \$4,000, which will sit in reserves until the Summer Sports Committee finalizes their plans on what to purchase, such as new baseball/soccer jerseys and baseball equipment.

The Women in Carpentry built a storage shed for the Summer Sports Committee to store baseball and soccer equipment and the pitching machine. Kempton Construction donated the resources to dig the hole for the cement pad and gravel and Porter's donated the concrete for the pad. Local contractor Amy Smith, owner of A Girl and Her Hammer, formed, poured and finished the concrete pad.

The shed is located beside the Memorial Park Pavilion and Ripley Ball Diamond.

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:

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Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer