



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: 2023 January Parks and Facilities Update

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Department: Community Services

Date: Jan. 16, 2023

Report Number: CS-2023-01-1

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2023-01-1 prepared by Matt McClinchey, Parks and Facilities Supervisor.

Background:

The Community Services Department operates and maintains various facilities, parks, and trails in the Township throughout the calendar year.

Discussion:

A major repair to the Ripley Huron Community Center refrigeration plant was conducted in late December. Staff discovered a leak coming from the insulated steel brine supply pipe during ice rentals on December 17th. Temporary repairs were made by staff and Current Electric until a refrigeration contractor could replace the corroded pipe. The pipe was replaced by Drennan Refrigeration on Monday December 19th to allow for the continuation of ice rentals. Cost for repairs are unknown at this time. The corroded pipe was installed new in 2009. The thirteen-year-old pipe has a life expectancy of twenty-five to thirty years. Staff suspect poor quality pipe was used in 2009. Staff will evaluate the remaining piping and insulation in April 2023 to determine if any further corroded pipe requires replacement. The insulation alone will cost an estimated \$7 000.

A training session was held with a Zamboni service rep at the Ripley Huron Community Center. The trainer provided a refresher for the operation and maintenance of the Zamboni. This training provided staff with the tools to trouble shoot issues that arise moving forward.

A large tree fell on the fencing at the Point Clark Dog Park. Staff was able to remove the fallen tree and temporarily fix the fence until a fencing contractor can make repairs in mid January. The dog park was able to remain open. Costs for repairs are unknown at this time but will be included in the 2023 parks operating budget.

Financial Impacts:

Financial impacts are at least \$7 000 to re-insulate piping. Cost impacts for work recently completed have not been received at the time of writing this report.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

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By creating places where people want to be

Respectfully Submitted By:

Matt McClinchey, Parks and Facilities Supervisor

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer