



Staff Report

Report Title: Community Services Programming Update – January 2023

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Department: Community Services

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Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2023-01-4 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:

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Adult Fitness programs are underway in both Ripley and Point Clark. Spin Class takes place Wednesdays in Ripley. The Move Your Body, low impact fitness class in Point Clark has another successful turn out on Wednesday mornings with a request to hold a second morning class on Mondays.

Dance Instructor Carmen Coburn, will be holding a Dance Open House at the Point Clark Community Centre, on January 25 from 1:00-3:00pm. Interested participants will learn steps including Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive and Waltz. If there is a successful turn out, this could be an ongoing dance program in Point Clark.

We hosted another successful St. John Ambulance Home Alone Safety course on January 4 with 15 registrations. We achieved full class the October and November Strong is Beautiful youth program, however, we did not receive registrations for the

January class. Staff will consider offering this program again in the future, once families settle back into the school routine.

Staff is working on the 2023 Ripley Wolf Cub Adventure Camp. We would like to offer 5 weeks of camp from July 3 to August 4. Details have yet to be finalized.

Ripley Summer Sports registration for minor baseball and soccer opened in December. Early Bird registration is \$10 discount from the regular rate and is open from December 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023. Registration is open until March 31, 2023 and after that, a late fee will apply. To date, we have 22 registrations for baseball, 10 for Blastball and 11 for soccer.

Community Events

Plans are well underway for the Ripley Winter Carnival, starting Friday, February 17 with the Costume Skate, sponsored by the Ripley Lions Club and the Ripley Agricultural Society.

Saturday, February 18 will include the traditional Pancake Breakfast, Ice Painting, Outdoor Bonfire with the Ripley-Huron Fire Department, Huron-Bruce Minor Hockey games, Hockey Skills Competition with the Ripley Wolves, who have also sponsored the Public Skate. We are hoping for more snow and colder temperatures so we can offer horse-drawn sleigh rides and open the Outdoor Ice Rink.

Financial Impacts:

Included in the 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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Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer