



Staff Report

Report Title: Community Service Program Update – February 2023

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Department: Community Services

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Attachments: Ripley Winter Carnival Poster

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2023-02-10 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:

[Programming](#)

The Adult Spin class will continue for an additional until the end of March at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. The Move Your Body – Low Impact fitness class in Point Clark will add an additional morning class as requested by participants. Starting in February 13 through to the end of March, this fitness class will run Monday and Wednesday mornings at the Point Clark Community Centre.

On January 25, 43 participants registered for the Dance Open House with instructor Carmen Coburn at the Point Clark Community Centre. After positive feedback and interest from the community, an additional Open House was held on February 1 for those who were unable to make the first event. Based on the interest and registrations numbers, we are now offering Dance With Carmen beginner and intermediate classes on Wednesday afternoons at the Point Clark Community Centre. Participants will learn steps including Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive and Waltz.

Ripley Summer Sports Early Bird Registration closed on January 31. Registration is open for both soccer and baseball programs until March 31. To date, we have 21 Blastball registrations; 49 baseball registrations; and 35 soccer registrations. Ripley Summer Sports Committee members will be volunteering at the Ice Painting during the Ripley Winter Carnival on Saturday, February 18.

Registration for the 2023 Ripley Wolf Cub Adventure Camp will open in February. There will be 5 Weeks of Ripley Wolf Cub Adventure Camp this year:

- July 3-7 - Sports & Adventure!
- July 10-14 - Bugs & Slugs and Everything Nature!
- July 17-21 - Sharks & Dinosaurs vs Mermaids & Fairies!
- July 24-28 - Ol' MacDonald Had a Farm!
- July 31 - August 4 - Circus Extravaganza!

Community Events

The [Ripley Winter Carnival](#) will return to in-person event on February 17 and 18 filled with activities for the whole family including the Costume Skate, Pancake Breakfast, Minor Hockey Games, Ice Painting, Horse-Drawn Sleigh rides by Jim and Fran Farrell, Bridge and Euchre games, Hockey Skills Competition with Ripley Wolves, Ice Painting, outdoor firepit with the Ripley-Huron Fire Department and weather permitting, the Outdoor Ice Rink at the Ripley Tennis Courts (beside the Ripley arena). Volunteers are still needed to help with the Pancake Breakfast. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact [Matt McClinchey](#).

Thank you to our Sponsors:

- Ripley Agricultural Society
- Ripley & District Lions Club
- Ripley Wolves
- Ripley-Huron Fire Department
- Hensall CO-Op
- Lucknow CO-OP
- Rosewood RVilla
- Dairy Farmers of Ontario
- Beefway
- Grey-Bruce Pork Producers
- Ontario Egg Producers

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:

Elyse Dewar, Administrative Assistant/Program Coordinator

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer