



Staff Report

Report Title: 2023 February Community Services Status Report

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Department: Community Services

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Attachments: Photos of the Ripley-Huron Community Centre revitalization

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2023-02-11 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Background:

The Ripley-Huron Community Centre Revitalization project is funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Outdoor Ice Rinks are being started at Point Clark Ball Diamond, and Ripley Tennis Court.

Green Initiatives for Community Buildings Grant Program update regarding the Grant proposal due February 28th 2023.

Discussion:

Ripley-Huron Community Centre Revitalization project funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation is progressing. The dressing rooms and storage room cement floors are completed, and walls are completed. See photos attached.

Outdoor Ice Rinks are being started at Point Clark Ball Diamond, and Ripley Tennis Court with the onset of colder temperatures. Staff are working with volunteers in regard to safety inspections, signage, and rules of play.

Green Initiatives for Community Buildings Grant

The application proposal is due February 28th. Staff has been working with Pretium consulting to energy model the Ripley-Huron Community Centre, and identifying energy efficiencies, solar options, possible net zero carbon emissions, and reviewing previous plans for additions that were approved in 2016. The goal is to provide a successful application with energy efficiencies to reduce operating costs for electricity and gas, improve accessibility, and to extend the life of the building for twenty-five years with no significant capital costs. The funding is 80% of eligible expenses. Staff are waiting on some cost proposals and will bring back further details at the budget meeting as a separate report.

Financial Impacts:

None at this time.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone.

By ensuring people have a place to live

By having amenities and services nearby

By being age friendly

By enhancing our mobility

By being accessible for those with disabilities

By being open and transparent

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment.

By protecting our natural assets

By using our resources wisely

By being aware and taking responsibility

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer