



## Staff Report

**Report Title: 2023 March Parks and Facilities Update**

**Prepared By: Parks and Facilities Supervisor, Matt McClinchey**

**Department: Community Services**

**Date: Mar. 6, 2023**

**Report Number: CS-2023-03-18**

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### **Attachments:**

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2023-03-18 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:**

The Ripley Winter Carnival was held February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at the Ripley-Huron Community Center. The event included a pancake breakfast, minor hockey games, ice painting, euchre tournament, fireman's bonfire, and a hockey skills competition. Staff is thankful to the overwhelming support of volunteers and community organizations that make this event a success.

The position of a seasonal parks operator has been accepted by Grant Johannes. This contract position will start in mid April and finish in mid October of 2023. Duties will include grass cutting, park maintenance and sports field maintenance. The seasonal operator position will reduce the amount of summer students from six positions to four. Staff have found that summer student positions have been difficult to fill as students pursue jobs related to their field of study. An experienced, adult seasonal operator will be a welcome benefit to summer operations.

New LED lighting has been added to the Ripley Huron Community Center in the Zamboni room and equipment storage shed. LED lighting has also been added to the Point Clark Pavilion storage room. All lighting upgrades are included the 2023 operational budgets.

**Financial Impacts:**

None Currently

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are a vibrant community that values our uniqueness and creativity.  
By creating places where people want to be

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment.  
By using our resources wisely.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Matt McClinchey, Parks and Facilities Supervisor

**Report Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer