



Staff Report

Report Title: Community Services Programming Update – March 2023

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Department: Community Services

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2023-03-20 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 community events such as the Ripley Winter Carnival.

Discussion:

[Programming](#)

There was an overwhelming response when registration opened for the Ripley Wolf Cub Adventure Camp in February. Within a few days, Weeks 2-4 were full, and a wait list was generated. Registration will remain open for Weeks 1 and 5 until full, but only a few openings are available. Based on ratio of Camp Leaders to youth, the capacity for each week of camp is 30 children between ages 5-10 years.

Interviews for Camp Leaders have begun, and staff is looking forward to planning another fun and exciting Ripley Wolf Cub Adventure Camp for Huron-Kinloss youth.

Ripley Summer Sports Registration closes March 15, 2023. To date, our registration numbers are as follows:

- 24-Blastball

- 60 – Minor Baseball
- 50 – Minor Soccer

The Ripley Summer Sports Committee met February 28, to finalize team compositions, organizing the season and equipment purchases. The Women in Carpentry completed construction of the Summer Sports Storage Shed, located by the Memorial Park Pavilion in Ripley. The Summer Sports Committee will begin moving soccer and baseball equipment to the storage shed once the snow is gone.

The Ripley-Huron Community School is using the Ripley Arena for a two-week Skating Program for intermediate grades. The teacher is proving instructors for basic skating skills as part of their gym class curriculum.

The Muskie Old Timers Tournament will be held on April 1 at the Ripley Arena. This is a full-day ice rental. Details have yet to be finalized by organizers.

Community Events

After two years of a modified event, the 2023 Ripley Winter Carnival returned with a fun-filled Family Day weekend. Staff is happy with the well-attended event, that served over 500 pancake breakfasts, hosted 5 minor hockey games and a full house for the Bridge and Euchre tournaments. Over 80 kids participated in Ice Painting and the horse-drawn sleigh rides were non-stop all morning. The Ripley-Huron Firefighters hosted a bon fire and provided community education and fire safety while dozens of children had the chance to explore the Ripley-Huron Fire Truck. There was a great turn out for the Hockey Skills Competition with many local youth showcasing their skills for the Ripley Wolves!

Thank you to all our sponsors and volunteers who made this community event so successful and a fun time for all!

Sponsors:

- Ripley Wolves
- Rosewood R-Villa
- Hensall CO-Op
- Grey Bruce Pork Producers
- Dairy Farmers of Grey Bruce
- Ripley and District Lions Club
- Ripley Agricultural Society
- Ripley Summer Sports
- Egg Farmers of Ontario
- The Beefway
- Lucknow CO-Op
- Ripley-Huron Fire Department

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