



Staff Report

Report Title: 2023 May Community Services Status Report

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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 Report Number CS-2023-05-28 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services;

AND FURTHER Committee of the Whole recommend that the Columbarium Care and Maintenance fee #3 Care and Maintenance b) Niche 1,2,3 increase from \$135.00 to \$180.00;

AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate by-law coming forward.

Background:

Trees on Road Allowance at Walpole Trail

Twenty-one ash trees on the lakeshore at Walpole Trail and Winnies Way have been dropped safely to the ground.

Boiler Beach Planting to prevent sand erosion

On Saturday April 29th twenty volunteers gathered to plant 500 shrubs and trees at near concession 10 and Boiler Beach Road.

Kinlough Grass Cutting

Matt DeBoer will complete grass cutting as required for the Kinlough cemetery.

Ripley Cemetery Fee

The "schedule D" cemetery rates #3 b) Niche Row 1, 2, 3 for \$135.00 should be \$180.00. This is the only fee that requires adjusting and is a housekeeping change in rate that was not previously adjusted as per the Bereavement Authority of Ontario regulations.

Bleacher Retrofit

The Parks and Recreation Master plan indicated that the current bleachers are not up to the existing Ontario Building code. The consultant has recommended either removal or retrofitting.

Cement Pads for new bleachers

Four Cement pads, one for each bleacher are to be installed this year and included in the 2023 capital budget.

Heritage Park Flooding to Neighbours

Heritage Park neighbours to the west became susceptible to flooding after the ash tree removal almost 10 years ago. Five years ago, a small swale was created to divert water to main drain to the north. The small swale has been deemed unsuccessful.

Discussion:

Trees on Road Allowance at Walpole Trail

Twenty-one ash trees on the Walpole Road lakeshore have been dropped safely to the ground. The trees will be cleaned up by staff this spring at time permits. Staff suggest May or early June for clean-up. Local residents may clean-up themselves and are welcome to any body wood remaining as indicated in the notice to each resident.

Boiler Beach Planting to prevent sand erosion

On Saturday April 29th twenty volunteers gathered to plant 500 shrubs and trees at southern 500 metres of Boiler Beach Road. This is another step to reducing the sand erosion along Boiler Beach. Staff is also working with residents, volunteers, and the Lake Huron Coastal Centre's Green Ribbon program regarding a snow fence project for the fall of 2023 to prevent the excessive sand erosion off the beach across Boiler Beach Road.

Kinlough Grass Cutting

Matt DeBoer has been contracted for grass cutting the Kinlough cemetery for \$250.00 per year. Mr. DeBoer is a local resident, and staff will check periodically to ensure maintenance is completed in a timely manner.

Ripley Cemetery Fee Housekeeping

The Ontario Bereavement Authority legislation dictates that the Care and Maintenance fees must be a minimum of \$165.00 or 15% whichever is higher for a columbarium. An error was made with the original rate of \$135.00, and that \$180.00 rate be used to match the care and maintenance rate for top three rows.

Bleacher Retrofit

Staff has reviewed the building code for bleachers. Most of the bleachers are identical and built in 2002 with superbuilt grant funding. The bleachers are located throughout the ball diamonds and soccer fields. The current trend for visitors is to bring a lawn chair or blanket to the respective sports fields, and bleachers are largely unused. Staff was considering replacing some strategic bleachers and disposing of the remaining bleachers.

Upon further consideration bleachers are used extensively during the Ripley Fall Fair. Staff have met with the Ripley Agricultural Society representatives, and they have requested that they retrofit the existing bleachers to meet the Ontario building code. Removing the upper back rest and lowering an angle iron support. The Agricultural Society has current members who weld frequently and capable of the works required. Staff recommends proceeding with the new partnership to ensure that bleachers are available for future fall fair and community events.

Cement Pads for new bleachers

Staff solicited quotes for the four cement pads for two bleachers in Point Clark, and two in Ripley. A Girl and her Hammer guaranteed the installation of the cement pads in May 2023. Total project is on budget.

Heritage Park Flooding to Neighbours

Staff visited Heritage Park with Township Drainage Superintendent for comments and a path forward. The recommendation is to excavate a deeper ditch on the west end of the park, while also creating a small berm on the west side of the ditch and ensuring proper grades to drain to the north ditch. A tree contractor is required to remove the trees from the ditch area for equipment access. The total cost is estimated at \$7 500.00 and will be incorporated into the ditching and tree removal budgets.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial impacts.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are a prosperous community that continues to grow in a sustainable manner
By investing in infrastructure

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

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer