



Staff Report

Report Title: Ripley-Huron Community Centre flooding

Prepared By: Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Department: Community Services

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File Number:

Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2023-04-27 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services.

Background:

The Ripley-Huron Community Centre experienced a back up of surface water and sewage on Wednesday April 5th, 2023 between 12:30 pm and 3:00pm.

The emergency overflow drain from the water tower empties into the sewage tank beside the Ripley-Huron Community Centre, which pumps up to the municipal sewage system. A clean-out for this six inch pipe is located behind the tennis courts. The lid for the clean out had been broken in the last year sometime and Staff was not aware. This was only discovered when the intense rain accumulated in the low area behind the tennis courts, flowed down the clean-out into the sewage tank and back pressured up into all the floor drains in the Ripley-Huron Community Centre.

Staff attempted to clean-up the accumulations inside the building, contacted a septic tank truck and removed two loads, and blocked the broken cleanout from allowing additional water from entering the sewage tank.

Staff with guidance from Health and Safety Coordinator put on Personal Protective Equipment, then utilized shop vacs, and floor scrubbers to clean up floors inside the building by end of day. Staff set up fans and dehumidifiers that night. Staff then fogged the building with vital oxide sanitizer, scrubbed all floors again, and then mopped with bleach / water. Staff should be commended for their diligence and response with the clean-up and noted by the insurance adjuster.

Discussion:

Staff contacted our insurance company, and three restoration specialists for assessments. Staff has met with the insurance adjuster and is now awaiting further instructions. Concerns have been raised by the adjuster regarding flooring, partitions, and equipment in storage. The drain clean-out lid has been repaired, and protective measures installed to prevent a future problem in the future. Staff will report back further details at the May Committee of the Whole meeting.

Financial Impacts:

Our insurer will respond to the damages however the claim will be subject to the deductible of \$5,000.00.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone.

By having amenities and services nearby

By being open and transparent

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer