



Staff Report

Report Title: 2023 May Parks and Facilities Update

Prepared By: Parks and Facilities Supervisor, Matt McClinchey

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-2023-05-29 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:

Facilities

A fault in the Ripley Huron Community refrigeration plant was discovered at the end of April. Air was found in the brine lines which caused excess foam to collect in the brine tank. The likely cause of the air was suspected from the brine pipe replacement that occurred in December 2022. Recommendation from Drennan Refrigeration was to circulate a de-foaming agent during the offseason to solve the issue. No permanent damage occurred to the brine system.

A leak was discovered in the roof of the Lucknow Townhall. The leak showed up in the Hawk Theatre stage area. A roofing contractor has been contacted to make the repairs as soon as possible.

A hand railing at the Ripley Medical Center received damaged from winter snow removal. Staff are seeking estimates to replace the railing with an accessible handrail.

Parks

Staff are investigating the walking bridge at Waterworks Park in Lucknow. A few of the boards have started to deteriorate along with the supporting stringers that support the walkway. Temporary boards will be placed to make the bridge safe for residents however a full overhaul and possible replacement will be needed. This project was included for the 2024 capital plan but may be considered for the 2023 capital plan if major repairs are needed.

The asphalt at the Victoria Park tennis courts in Lucknow has started to heave in certain sections. Staff will investigate if asphalt repairs can be made or if alternative measures are necessary.

Kempton Construction has been contacted to spread the large piles of donated woodchips located beside the Point Clark Dog Park. The chips will be spread along the dog park trails and filled in along the gaps in the fencing.

A third-party playground inspection company will be conducting playground inspections for the spring of 2023. Playchek Services will be inspecting eight of the township's playground in 2023 and the other eight in the spring of 2024. This will be on an annual schedule each year. Having a third-party inspection company will ensure liability and compliance measures are being met each season. Staff will accompany Playchek during the spring inspections.

Financial Impacts:

None currently

Strategic Alignment / Link:

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By creating places where people want to be

Respectfully Submitted By:

Matt McClinchey, Parks and Facilities Supervisor

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer