



Staff Report

Report Title: Community Services Programming Update – May 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-2023-05-30 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:

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Community Services is offering a St. John Ambulance Babysitter Course on Saturday May 6 at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre for youth 11–13-year-olds.

Staff is gearing up for the Pickleball season. Courts are getting refreshed this spring with lines being painted at Attawandaron Park, Point Clark Community Centre, Langdon Park, Lions Park, Huronville Park and this year, a court is being added on the Ripley Tennis Court. Drop-In Pickleball Registration will open in May. The cost is \$40 for the season from May-September 2023. Participants have access to all courts throughout the season.

Staff is working with Taylored Pickleball Academy to offer a 4-week Pickleball Program in June. This program will include lesson/classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced.

Indoor Ball Hockey was well received with 24 youth registered ranging in ages 6 to 13.

Ripley Minor Baseball program has a total of 104 youth registered from T-Ball to Peewee (U13) hardball. The Ripley Minor Soccer program has 43 players registered with an additional 36 in the Blastball Program. Blastball is for youth under 4, that incorporates the fundamentals of both soccer and baseball in each practice.

Ripley Minor Baseball offered indoor practices to all players for 5 weeks. Practices will move outside once warmer weather arrives. The Ripley Summer Sports Committee is working at installing a batting cage at the Point Clark Ball Diamond.

With the proceeds from fundraising events and the U9 Year End Baseball Tournament in 2022, the Summer Sports Committee was able to purchase new equipment for the baseball program, including batting/pitching nets, new baseballs, back catcher gear, helmets, bats and a new pitching machine.

In early June, the Kincardine Scouts organization is using the Point Clark Community Centre and outside space, for an Overnight Camping Adventure. Scouts will learn how to pitch tents, explore the wilderness and have the overnight, outside camp experience. They will be using the Point Clark Community Centre for washrooms, indoor activities and preparing food.

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:

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