

Community Stakeholders Meeting
June 14 2023 7pm
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On June 14, the Community Services Department held a Community Stakeholders Meeting, providing an update on our current and future projects with hopes of developing partnerships with community organizations and create an awareness regarding the Community Services Department.

We welcomed 16 local residents, including members from the Point Clark Beach Association, Huron-Kinloss Councillors, and Ripley Horticultural Society.

Staff in attendance included Mike Fair, Director of Community Services; Matt McClinchey, Parks and Facilities Supervisor; Elyse Dewar, Admin Assistant/Program Coordinator. Throughout the presentation, each staff spoke about specific projects or programs provided by the Community Services Department. We updated on our parks, trails and facility upgrades/renovations.

There were great conversations, comments, and questions throughout and at the end of the presentation.

- There is a wind damage and downed trees at the end of Concession 2
- Is there a Master Plan to replace all the Ash Trees removed by the Township?
 - Response: Any place where we had to remove a lot of Ash Trees, then a replacement program was initiated.
- Heritage Park – will have a community engagement session in the fall and will gather community input.
- Parking at Blue Park
 - Limited parking available
 - People park on the road and it is dangerous
 - There is a dip in the grass at the east end of the park where parking would be easier.
 - Recommendation – put signage up at rolled shoulder portion and let people know they can park there.
- Apple Rail Trail Bridge Restoration
 - CS will be looking for partnerships and grants
- No bags in the dog park bag stand, staff have already replenished
- Drainage issues – directed the resident to contact Public Works
- Blair’s Trail – signs are in the wrong spots, staff are willing to work with naturalist group
- Beach Access at the corner of Sunrise St and Victoria Rd.
 - No washroom facility.
 - Is it possible to get a porter pottie there?
 - It is a very busy beach with a lot of people who are relieving themselves in the water or on private property
 - Response – Matt and Mike will look into the possibility of having a porta-pottie at that location, there is no shoulder on road and may be dangerous but will investigate
- Lighthouse Road is very busy and parking has become a hazard. People are parking on both sides of the road around the curve and asked if cedars can be trimmed or removed.
- Can the Township get a Wheel Chair accessible mat for residents to gain access to the water.

- There were a lot of concerns expressed regarding golf carts driving illegally, youth driving and no permit or license on the vehicle. Staff suggested calling By-Law enforcement, or OPP

Meeting ended at 8:45pm