



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Point Clark Harbour Request for Dredging 2023

Prepared By: Jennifer White, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk and Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Department: Legislative Services & Community Services

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Report Number: CLK-2022-12-110

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Copy to: E18 -Point Clark Boat Club- dredging

Attachments: request Point Clark Boat Club

Recommendation:

1 THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby approves Report No. CLK2022-12-110 prepared jointly by Jennifer White, Clerk and Mike Fair, Director of Community Services;

AND FURTHER THAT Council confirms there are no concerns with the Point Clark Boat Club dredging the Point Clark Harbour entrance as outlined in the report;

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk be directed to sign all necessary documentation.

2 THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council authorize in-kind support only for the use of municipal trucks to remove dredging materials, and that all other costs associated with the removal of dredging materials in 2023 be borne by the Point Clark Boat Club.

Background:

As part of the permit process to dredge the harbour and channel at the Point Clark harbour, the Point Clark Boat Club requires input from the Township on confirmation with all planning policies. Spawning seasons limit the times when this may be completed. The Township has been providing services to remove the dredging materials at no additional cost to the Point Clark Boat Club at the Club's request.

Discussion:

Dredging has been done in the past during July only and was supported by Staff and Council. Due to water levels, there is concern that the water level may not be high enough to accommodate boats before July, if the dredging does not also take place early in the Spring. The Point Clark Boat Club has indicated that they are working with the required authorities to ensure the timing does not have a detrimental environmental impact.

Staff are recommending that Council support both dates requested for dredging.

Removal of Dredging

The costs to dredge the harbour are the responsibility of the Point Clarke Boat Club. The Point Clark Boat Club had previously requested the municipality to take away the dredging's left on the harbour walls. The Township of Huron-Kinloss has been providing removal of the dredging for use as cover at the landfill, using existing township resources in terms of staff and equipment. The dredging's being removed provided fill to the landfill and reduced the cost to the Point Clark Boat Club for trucking.

As the Township no longer requires cover for the landfill, and equipment resources are more limited, the municipality in 2022 contracted the loading and removal of this dredging material. The cost in 2022 for just the loading of dredging's was \$4 700.00.

Staff seeks direction from Council for in-kind services for removing the dredging's, and provides for Council's consideration three (3) options:

- 1) provide no service for trucks, or loading to remove dredging
- 2) provide trucking only.
- 3) provide trucking and loading services.

Staff are recommending Option two.

Financial Impacts:

The cost in the 2022 operating budget to remove the dredging materials deposited from the Point Clark Harbour was \$4700.

As the Boat Club is requesting two dates for dredging, and with the increase seen in fuel and other costs, Staff expect that this amount may be doubled in 2023 should loading and removal continue to be provided by the municipality.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Jennifer White, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk; and

Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer