



Staff Report

Report Title: Community Services Programming Update September 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-2023-09-43 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, public skating and minor baseball and soccer leagues as well as annual community events such as the Ripley Winter Carnival.

Discussion:

Programming

The Ripley Wolf Cub Adventure Camp was a great success this summer. We welcomed 168 campers over 5 weeks. With the support and sponsorship of local businesses and organizations, we were able to increase Wolf Camp to 5 weeks, keep our registration cost low and still provide adventures, trips and activities each week. A list of activities, photos, and sponsors are available at [Ripley Wolf Cub Camp](#).

The Ripley Summer Sports Committee hosted the WOBA U9 Year End Tournament August 11-13, welcoming 12 teams from across the region. It was a successful weekend raising around \$3,500 for the Ripley Summer Sports Committee. With support from community volunteers, the committee was able to provide a fundraising BBQ at the Ripley Ball Diamond Pavilion.

Ripley Minor Baseball was well represented at the both the U9 and U11 Year End Tournaments, having each earned a silver medal in the final games. Congratulations to both teams.

Community Services is offering a St. John Ambulance Home Alone Safety Course on October 21 at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. Registration is open and marketing has begun.

Kala Stuckless of Stuckless Healing Co. is back this Fall offering Empowering Kids in the Kitchen Cooking Demo at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. This beginner class teaches youth cooking basics, from properly cutting vegetables to creating homemade pizza.

Reanna Ramaker from Ballroom Chic is offering [Fall Ballroom & Latin Dance](#) classes this fall at the HAWK Theatre.

A new [Point Clark Yoga Class](#) is starting at the Point Clark Community Centre with instructor Melissa Dozois.

The Community Services Department is searching for interested fitness instructors to offer Spin Classes and TRX Fitness Classes, using the equipment at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre.

The Ripley Arena ice schedule is filling up quickly with Huron-Bruce Minor Hockey, Ripley-Huron Skating Club, Ripley Wolves, Old Timers Men's League, Men's Rec League, She-Wolves and private rentals. Public Skating will be Saturdays from 5:30-6:30pm. We are starting to receive sponsorships for our 2023/2024 Public Skating.

A new men's Huff & Puff league will be starting this fall. We are finalizing details for this program, but the hope is every Monday from 9:30-11:00am.

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
- We are a spirited community that takes pride in calling Huron-Kinloss home
- By supporting a diversity of lifestyles
- By engaging in our community
- By retaining our youth

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer