



Staff Report

Report Title: September 2023 Manager of Strategic Initiatives Status Report

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Attachments: Strategic Plan Engagement Poster

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information report number BED-2023-09-34, prepared by Michelle Goetz, Manager of Strategic Initiatives.

Background:

This report provides an update from the Manager of Strategic Initiatives.

Discussion:

2023-2033 Strategic Plan: Blueprint for our Future

The strategic plan project is currently in its engagement phase, we've hosted 1 community workshop in Ripley and the community survey is now available.

The workshop in Ripley was attended by 18 members of the community, the conversation was great and focused on many hot topics including: housing, transportation, childcare and healthcare. The group discussed what they love about Huron-Kinloss including; the sense of community, safety, agricultural pride. And what we can do to better our quality of life including; work together to tackle the bigger issues, maintain the small town feeling, etc.

Community Workshops

We have 2 more community workshop scheduled and we hope to see many more community members there.

- September 19th Point Clark Community Centre 6:30-8PM

Register: <https://www.huronkinloss.com/strategic-plan-september-19-workshop/>

- September 20th Lucknow Community Centre 6:30-8PM

Register here: <https://www.huronkinloss.com/strategic-plan-september-20-workshop/>

Community Survey

To date we've had 59 responses to the community survey. As with most of our surveys, we heard primarily from residents that have their primary home in Huron-Kinloss, are above the age of 50 and live along the lakeshore. Their ongoing support and feedback is much appreciated.

We do hope to hear from other areas of the Township and encourage members of Council to share the survey link or QR code as much as possible. A poster with the survey information and community workshop information is attached to this report and post cards with the QR code are available in Council Chambers. Please take copies of the post cards to hand out to members of the public.

The deadline to complete the survey is September 30th and can be found here:

<https://www.huronkinloss.com/community-survey/>

Other engagement opportunities

In an effort to ensure we engage with all communities and demographics in Huron-Kinloss we have organized additional engagement opportunities in the community, including:

- a shed talk with members of the Mennonite Community on September 20th
- workshops at the local elementary and secondary schools this fall
- Attendance at the Ripley and Lucknow fall fairs with information about the community survey.
- And, we will be reaching out to community organizations to see if they would like a member of our team to attend a meeting to discuss the strategic plan and opportunities to engage with us.

Project Updates

Stay up to date on the progress of the strategic plan by visiting:

<https://www.haveyoursayhk.ca/2023-2033-strategic-plan-blueprint-for-our-future>

Women in Construction

We've had some great workshops to date. In July and August, we held two sold out Skid Steer workshops one in Walkerton and one in Owen Sound. In October we are hosting a chain saw workshop in Owen Sound and a backhoe workshop in

Walkerton, both are almost sold out and in November we will host another chainsaw workshop.

Cohort 1, is almost done with their in-shop training. Of the 8 participants in this group, 4 have been offered job placements, 1 is waiting to hear back from an interview and we continue to search for adequate placements for the other 3. Cohort 2 begins September 18, we have 10 people signed up with 2 spots still available.

Ripley Food Art and Craft Festival

We hosted the Ripley Food Art and Craft Festival on Saturday August 19th from 9AM-2PM. Over 650 adults attended the event (admission for kids was free, we did not count the number of kids that attended) and we had 62 vendors plus the Nuclear Innovation Institute and the Daily Grind. Feedback from the event was positive from both the event attendees and the vendors.

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization sponsored the event, the funds received from the NWMO was put towards marketing. Many vendors commented on how exceptional the marketing was for this year's event so we want to send a huge thank you out the NWMO for supporting us!

The Nuclear Innovation Institute provided STEM activities for kids (and adults) including a small robot and building blocks. The addition of the kids activities was great!

The Daily Grind attended to provide lunch options and coffee/beverages to event attendees and vendors, they were also a great addition to the event. The access to fresh coffee and food was appreciated. Additional food options could be incorporated into future events as well as a small seating area for event attendees.

Overall the event was a great success.

Ripley Medical Centre

The team is continuing to work with the Architect to finalize drawings for the medical centre. Trying to accommodate all the partners requests has been a bit challenging in the current footprint of the building. We will continue to work with our partners at the Kincardine Family Health Team and the Ripley Family Y to develop a suitable path forward.

The Kincardine Family Health Team should hear about their funding application this fall, which will provide us with the information we need to determine how to renovate the building.

We are hoping to bring forward a detailed report to Council on September 18th.

Govstack Implementation

We are on track to launch the new website on September 25th. Most end users won't notice the change, but the back end used by staff will be completely different and more user friendly.

The implementation team is hard at work reviewing content, checking links, ensuring all pages meet accessibility requirements and completing our user acceptance testing.

Financial Impacts:

None at this time.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

The information provided in this report is consistent with and in keeping with the Municipality's Vision & Mission. The recommendations contribute to the goals in achieving a prosperous, spirited, vibrant, environmentally conscious and accessible community.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer