



Staff Report

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Attachments: Ripley Lions Book Exchange MOU

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2023-09-42 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services;

AND FURTHER authorizes the Director of Community Services to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Ripley Lions for the placement of a book exchange at the Point Clark Community Centre.

Background:

Local Authority Services energy pricing Summary

The Township of Huron-Kinloss purchases electricity through the Local Authority Services which is a division of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Ontario Broader Public Sector (BPS) Energy reporting

Ontario's BPS energy reporting regulation requires BPS organizations to report their property's annual energy consumption to the Ministry of Energy every year by July 1. This regulation was developed to help BPS organizations better understand how and where they use energy and identify potential conservation opportunities.

Ontario Trillium Foundation Dressing rooms and front entrance

The project is complete, and final reports to Ontario Trillium Foundation submitted.

Ash Trees in Parks and Green spaces Dog strangling Vine and Grape Vine

Community Services staff continue to respond to reports of some ash trees present in green spaces and dog strangling vine / grape vine.

Huron Shores ATV Club in Huron-Kinloss (HSATV)

The HSATV are interested in connecting into Ripley in the future.

Ripley Lions Club Book Exchange at the Point Clark Community Centre

The Lions have requested to place a book exchange beside the entrance on the exterior of the Point Clark Community Centre.

Discussion:

Local Authority Services energy pricing Summary

After a year of high volatility and strong spot pricing, Ontario's wholesale electricity market started to see the return of more stable market conditions, partly due to a very mild winter season. Meanwhile, softening natural gas prices and strong baseload production have also helped keep most of the recent winter and spring months uneventful from a pricing standpoint. Spot prices for February through May settled between 1.75 ¢/kWh to 2.52 ¢/kWh, averaging 1.35 ¢/kWh lower than the same period of last year.

Hourly spot prices settled above 10 ¢/kWh on 14 occasions over the first half of 2023, with the highest closing at 32.68 ¢/kWh. As a comparison, there were 77 double-digits hours in the same period of last year, and the highest was 68.87 ¢/kWh.

As a result, Global Adjustment (GA) rates have quickly returned to the levels seen before 2022, averaging 7.13 for the first six months of 2023. Ontario's wholesale customers paid about 9.66¢/kWh for their energy usage in the first half of 2023, with 26% or 2.53 ¢/kWh coming from spot and the remaining 74% from GA. The total commodity cost for July month-to-date averages about 14.0 ¢/kWh currently, with spot pricing advancing to 4.04 ¢/kWh and GA sitting around 9.96¢/kWh.

2023	Jan'23	Feb'23	Mar'23	Apr'23	May'23	Jun'23	Avg/Total
HOEP	3.40	2.36	2.52	2.11	1.75	3.03	2.53
GA	3.14	6.29	6.99	8.25	8.25	9.85	7.13
Total	6.54	8.64	9.51	10.36	10.00	12.89	9.66
Demand	12.52	11.23	11.84	10.26	10.36	11.12	67.32

Energy Data submissions to the Ontario Province

Ontario's broader public sector (BPS) energy reporting program has been updated with a new regulation. O. Reg 25/23: Broader Public Sector: Energy Reporting and Conservation and Demand Management Plans, under the Electricity Act, 1998 requires BPS organizations to report their buildings' annual energy consumption to

the Ministry of Energy every year, through the Energy Star Portfolio Manager® (Portfolio Manager) application.

The ministry is aware that this is the first year that BPS agencies will be reporting through the new Energy Star Portfolio Manager. While the ministry expects BPS organizations to take all reasonable steps to comply with the original July 1st, 2023, deadline, the ministry will continue to accept the 2021 reporting year data until October 31, 2023, and staff expect to meet the October deadline.

Ontario Trillium Foundation Dressing rooms and front entrance

The front entrance, and two dressing rooms are now complete, reports submitted and approved for the \$500 000.00 funding agreement. Staff are looking at a ribbon cutting event to celebrate the renovations in October. Staff will report back with further details.

Ash Trees in Parks and Green spaces Dog strangling Vine and Grape Vine

Community Services staff have been addressing dead ash trees in green spaces, beach accesses, trails, and parks. The bulk of the dead ash have been removed, however dead ash and hazard trees continue to be identified, and staff continue to work with contractors for removal.

Dog Strangling vine, and grape vine continue to spread throughout many forested areas. Staff have treatment options available however resources are limited, and many areas have not been treated. The spreading of the vine has been aggressive and noticeable in the last few years especially along the lakeshore. The result, if not treated will eventually end in many trees dying due to the nature of the invasive vines along trails, beach accesses, parks, and green spaces. Staff are reviewing operations to determine a path forward for 2024.

Huron Shores ATV Club in Huron-Kinloss (HSATV)

The HSATV club have expressed interest in connections between Kincardine to Ripley, and Lucknow. Staff met with representatives for preliminary discussions about the HSATV club and their current trails and operations and future considerations for trail planning. Staff are collecting information and details regarding implications for future considerations and will report back.

Ripley Lions Club Book Exchange at the Point Clark Community Centre

Staff are supportive of the Lions book exchange. Staff attached a memorandum of understanding MOU indicating that the Lions are responsible for the care and maintenance of the two-foot by two-foot exchange library. Staff requires authorization to sign the MOU with the Ripley Lions.

Financial Impacts:

None at this time.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

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

By protecting our natural assets

By using our resources wisely

By being aware and taking responsibility

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Report Approved By:

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