



## Staff Report

**Report Title: 2023 October Parks and Facilities Update**

**Prepared By: Matt McClinchey, Parks and Facilities Supervisor**

**Department: Community Services**

**Date: Oct. 2, 2023**

**Report Number: CS-2023-10-48**

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### **Attachments:**

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2023-10-48 prepared by Matt McClinchey, Parks, and Facilities Supervisor.

### **Background:**

The Community Services Department operates and maintains various facilities, parks, and trails in the Township throughout the calendar year.

### **Discussion:**

#### Ripley Huron Community Center

Arena renovations are ending as various items are being completed. All arena flooring has been installed with the Ripley Wolves dressing room being completed in late September. Buddsteel has installed all the bathroom partitions through out the arena. The new dressing rooms and front entrance with be fully operational in time for the ice season.

#### Fall Fair

The Ripley Agricultural Society hosted their 160<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Fair September 29<sup>th</sup> to Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. The event consisted of a midway, displays, beer gardens, various shows, and activities. Community Services staff were available to help the Agricultural Society with issues that arose on the grounds. The beer gardens were run under the township's permanent liquor licence.

### Ice Installation

The ice at the Ripley Huron Community Center will be installed immediately after the fall fair. The process takes 5 days which means ice rentals for all user groups will start on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>. The ice will remain in until the end of March or early April if needed.

### Lucknow Trail Bridge

Staff met with the Bluewater Snowmobile club to discuss repairs to the rail trail bridge by the Lucknow Soccer fields. The club agreed to do some minor repairs to the guard rail in the short term. The snowmobile club will apply for funding in 2024 in the hopes to replace all the decking on the bridge.

### **Financial Impacts:**

None Currently

### **Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are a vibrant community that values our uniqueness and creativity.  
By creating places where people want to be

### **Respectfully Submitted By:**

Matt McClinchey, Parks and Facilities Supervisor

### **Report Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer