



Staff Report

Report Title: 2023 September Parks and Facilities Update

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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-2023-09-44 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:

Dehumidifier and Ice Plant Capital projects at The Ripley-Huron Community Centre

The capital budget included the ice shed dehumidifier (\$35 000.00) and insulation of the newly replaced brine pipe (\$15 000).

The dehumidifier was replaced by Drennan refrigeration in August, the stand required some alterations, and the total project came in slightly under the budget of \$35 000.00.

The ice plant brine pipes have now been covered in anti rust gel, insulated, and covered in vinyl. The project was a result of replaced piping from December of 2022 that could not have been insulated until the summer off season. The project was included in the 2023 budget and was under budget costing \$4 400.00 plus HST.

Lewis Park

Repairs to the push button activator have been made to the Lewis Park splash pad. Staff noticed the activator button dismantled and parts damaged. The splash pad was closed to the public for one week while parts were ordered from ABC

Recreation. The splash pad is back in operation and costs were absorbed through operating budgets.

Summer Staff

The summer parks student's work term has concluded on Sept 1st. It was another successful summer season, and we wish all students the best in returning to their studies. Our seasonal operator position will continue though to October 15th.

Baseball Tournaments

The ball diamonds in Ripley, Reid's Corner and Point Clark were used for both U9 and U13 provincial year end tournaments. The U9 tournament was hosted by the Ripley Minor Sports Committee while the U13 was hosted by Kincardine Minor Baseball. Staff worked along side volunteers to make each tournament a success.

Lucknow Trail Bridge

Staff noted repairs to be made to the trail bridge located between the Lucknow soccer fields and Bruce Road 1. The wood decking has started to rot, and welds have broken on the steal railings. Staff will meet with the Bluewater Snowmobile Club in early September to discuss a path forward. The bridge improvements were originally conducted by the snowmobile club 15 years ago.

Financial Impacts:

None Currently

Strategic Alignment / Link:

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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