



Staff Report

Report Title: NWMO Initiatives – General Updates and NWMDER Status Report

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Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CAO-2023-09-28, prepared by Mike Bartlett, Administrative Coordinator.

Background:

NWMDER Conference

The 5th Canadian Conference on Waste Management, Decommissioning and Environmental Restoration is being held from August 27-31, 2023, in Niagara Falls, Canada. The theme of the conference is *Environmental sustainability through timely waste management and decommissioning*.

The Administrative Coordinator attended the NWMDER conference.

Early Investment in Education and Skills Program (Discovery Western Day Camp)

The Early Investment in Education and Skills Program (EIES) provides funding for local businesses and Huron-Kinloss residents looking to advance their skill sets. A portion of this funding has been used to help supplement the cost for Huron-Kinloss youth to attend a STEM camp being run by Western University. For additional information on the Early Investment in Education and Skills program, please visit the Huron-Kinloss website (<https://www.huronkinloss.com/en/townhall/funding-programs.aspx>).

Community Well-Being Program

Since 2018, the Community Well-Being program has invested \$400,000 back into the community and supported numerous projects by local organizations and community groups.

There were 20 successful recipients of the 2023 Community Well-Being Program. The full list is available on the Huron-Kinloss website (<https://www.huronkinloss.com/en/live-here/community-well-being.aspx>) and was featured in many news outlets.

Discussion:

NWMDER Conference

The Administrative Coordinator is currently attending the 5th Canadian Conference on Waste Management, Decommissioning and Environmental Restoration. The conference is Canada's premier nuclear waste and decommissioning conference and is intended to provide a forum for discussion of the status and proposed future directions of technical, regulatory, environmental, social, and economic aspects of radioactive waste management, decommissioning and environmental restoration for nuclear facilities. It serves to improve communication among specialists, managers, policy makers and other stakeholders in these activities, and to foster international collaboration to benefit society.

The conference is organized into three days of plenary sessions, concurrent technical tracks and poster sessions and there will be a business exhibition to showcase technology, equipment, and services. There will be an in-depth summary of the conference included in the Administrative Coordinator's October COW report.

Early Investment in Education and Skills Program (Discovery Western Day Camp)

This year's Discovery Western Day Camp ran from August 14-18 and saw registrants learn through hands-on science experiments and interactive demonstrations. Attendees were able to build small LEGO robots, engage in programming and STEM activities. The camp had 18 registrants this year, although a few last-minute cancellations brought attendance down to 16. Feedback from both attendees and the organizers from Western University was overwhelmingly positive.

Community Well-Being Program (CWBP)

Final cheques are being issued as recipients of this year's CWBP funding are submitting their final reports. The Administrative Coordinator is continuing to work with recipients to ensure that their projects are moving forward on time and on budget. Updates regarding the program will continue in future COW reports, culminating in a year-end report which will include a final budget.

Financial Impacts:

Funding for the CWBP and EIES programs is provided by the NWMO.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

The information provided in this report is consistent with and in keeping with the Municipality's Vision & Mission and to the goals in achieving a prosperous community and an accessible community.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer