



Staff Report

Report Title: NWMO Community Initiatives and 2024 Community Well-Being Program Update

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Department: CAO

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Attachments: Community Well-Being Fund Program Guidelines

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CAO-2023-11-38, prepared by Mike Bartlett, Administrative Coordinator.

Background:

CLC Meeting

The South Bruce Community Liaison Committee (CLC) will be holding a business only meeting on Thursday, November 2nd. The CLC will review and vote on several reports in preparation for the 2024 calendar year.

Huron-Kinloss Job Fair

The Township of Huron-Kinloss organized a job and career development fair, held Monday, October 23rd from 4-7pm at the Ripley Huron Community Centre Auditorium.

Community Well-Being Program 2024

The Community Well-Being Program was developed in 2018 through programs offered by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) when Huron-Kinloss was in the site-selection process and learning more about Canada's Long-Term Plan for Used Nuclear Fuel. To date, the Township of Huron-Kinloss has invested \$400,000 into the community through this grant. In March 2023, Council approved the program for 2023 & 2024.

Discussion:

CLC November 2nd Meeting

The Administrative Coordinator will attend this meeting and include pertinent information in the December COW report.

Huron-Kinloss Job Fair

The Township of Huron-Kinloss organized a Job and Career Development Fair, held Monday, October 23rd from 4-7pm at the Ripley Huron Community Centre Auditorium. Through a concerted effort and in collaboration with the Business Development Coordinator and the Communications Coordinator, the Administrative Coordinator is pleased to report that 18 exhibitors attended, including Bruce Power, Gay Lea Foods, Ontario Provincial Police, Kinectrics, Aecon, Atkins Realis and many more! The event was a huge success with over 130 attendees filling the Ripley Huron Auditorium to engage in meaningful discussions about current and future employment opportunities with our exhibitors. Initial feedback from those in attendance was overwhelmingly positive. The Administrative Coordinator has also sent out a survey to our exhibitors and the results so far have been very positive. The Administrative Coordinator is still compiling budget numbers from advertisers for the event and will include a brief update in the December COW report.

Community Well-Being Program 2024

The 2023 Community Well-Being Program (CWBP) is wrapping up, as the Administrative Coordinator continues to collect, review, and submit final reports from our funding recipients. It is now time to focus on the 2024 CWBP. The Administrative Coordinator plans to begin marketing and outreach efforts to promote the 2024 CWBP before the end of this calendar year. The intention of the program is to provide funds for projects that benefit the residents of the Township of Huron-Kinloss and that support, sustain, promote, inform, educate, celebrate, preserve and/or provide access to arts, culture, heritage, sports, and recreation, social and health, or the environment. Projects where funds go outside the Township are not eligible.

After the application deadline all the applications are presented to and scored by the Community Well-Being Grant Committee. The Grant Committee is made up of the CAO, Treasurer, Manager of Strategic Initiatives and 2 members of Council. Scoring is completed using a weighted scoring matrix to ensure the process is fair, transparent, and accountable.

The dates of the program are listed below:

- Program Launch: Feb. 5th, 2024.
- Program Application Deadline: March 11th, 2024.
- Application Review: Date to be determined (all Grant Committee members must attend from 9:30AM-4PM)
- Photo op: Date to be determined 3:30-4:30PM (all Grant Committee members must attend)
- Final Reports due: December 16th, 2024.

Financial Impacts:

\$100,000 from the NWMO Community Well-Being Fund will be given out in 2024.

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:

Mike Bartlett, Administrative Coordinator

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer