



Staff Report

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2023-11-50 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services.

Background:

Lake Huron Coastal Centre

The Lake Huron Coastal Centre was contracted for snow fencing installation, invasive species removal, signage installations for dune conservation, and Boiler Beach Accesses inventory and recommendations for future considerations.

Ripley Ball Diamond Lights Electrical underground break

A light standard failed to operate due to underground electrical problems.

Alcohol Policy Review with Stakeholders

Staff have invited the stakeholders list in the Alcohol Policy for a review with proposed changes.

The Ripley-Huron Community Centre Trillium Grant Renovation update

The Ripley-Huron Community Centre received a \$500 000 trillium grant to update the entrance and add two small dressings rooms to improve the resiliency of the facility.

Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy GCOM

Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy GCOM is providing another opportunity to work in a joint project. The GCOM Canada Implementation Cohort, funded by the European Union, is a training and collaboration program designed to help support municipal staff in the implementation phase of their climate mitigation and/or adaptation efforts. Staff participated in a similar cohort in 2019. Bridging the gap between planning and implementation is the next step in realizing our climate targets and securing a low-carbon, resilient future.

Ripley-Huron Community Centre Insurance Claim

The Ripley-Huron Community Centre Insurance Claim was a result of a sewage back-up in April of 2023. The remedial work has been ongoing since April.

Discussion:

Lake Huron Coastal Centre

The Green Ribbon snow fencing program did not receive funding to operate this fall. Staff were anticipating the program continuing and to install snow fencing on the lakeshore at the south end of Boiler Beach. Staff resources to complete the work are limited, and instead contracted the Lake Huron Coastal Centre to complete the work. The Lake Huron Coastal Centre was contracted for snow fencing installation, invasive species removal, signage installations for dune conservation, and Boiler Beach Accesses inventory and recommendations for future considerations. The contract amount was \$3 200.00, and the Lakeshore Environmental budget had the capacity to complete the work within the 2023 operating budget.

Ripley Ball Diamond Lights Electrical failure

A light standard failed to operate due to underground electrical problems. A new underground service from the main panel to the light standard was required for safety and day-to-day use. The work was not included in the 2023 budget, however savings from other projects will cover the emergency repairs costs.

Alcohol Policy Review with Stakeholders

Staff have invited the stakeholders listed in the Alcohol Policy for a review with proposed changes. The meeting date is Tuesday November 21st at 7:00 pm at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre Social Room and the discussion topics include raising the profit share price to \$6.00 per drink, and the base price to \$5.00 per drink, and eliminating profit share for anyone else except those listed community stakeholders. The current policy is attached for your review.

The Ripley-Huron Community Centre Trillium Grant Renovation update

The Ripley-Huron Community Centre received a \$500 000 trillium grant to update to a touchless accessible entrance and add two accessible dressings rooms to improve the resiliency of the facility. The project is complete, all grant funding received, and all invoices paid.

Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy GCOM

The GCOM Canada Implementation Cohort will provide implementation support to municipal staff through one-to-one meetings, group trainings, and peer collaboration workshops and tailored deliverables. The project will require an estimated fifteen days of staff time in the next year. Huron-Kinloss is eligible for the program since it has been a member of GCOM and has a mitigation and adaptation plan validated by GCOM. Staff has completed the application process. If our application is approved staff will seek approval to commit the time to participate in the program.

Ripley-Huron Community Centre Insurance Claim

The remedial work including the replacement of flooring, kitchen island and washroom partitions has been completed. Staff has also contracted the installation of sewage back flow preventers to prevent a future occurrence. Due to renovations ongoing, and subsequent insurance claim staff also contracted some additional painting completed in the facility dressing rooms, washrooms, and lobby.

Financial Impacts:

All report items expenses will be included in the current budget.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are a spirited community that takes pride in calling Huron-Kinloss home and welcoming others.

By engaging in our community

By retaining our youth

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone.

By having amenities and services nearby

By being age friendly

By enhancing our mobility

By being accessible for those with disabilities

By being open and transparent

Respectfully Submitted By:

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