



Staff Report

Report Title: Community Services Programming Update – November 2023

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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-2023-11-51 prepared by Elyse Dewar, Administrative Assistant/Program Coordinator

Background:

The Community Services Department organizes and coordinates programming for youth and adults such as fitness classes, Wolf Cub Adventure Camp, Home Alone/Babysitting Courses, public skating and minor baseball and soccer leagues as well as annual community events such as the Ripley Winter Carnival.

Discussion:

Youth Programs

Registration will open for Ripley Summer Sports from January 1, 2023 to March 15, 2024.

The St. John Ambulance Home Alone Course had 12 participants. Staff is working with instructors to offer a Babysitting Course during the Christmas Break.

Kala Stuckless of Stuckless Healing Co. will continue with Empowering Kids in the Kitchen Cooking at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. This beginner class teaches youth cooking basics, from properly cutting vegetables to creating homemade pizza.

Adult Fitness Programs

Huff n' Puff hockey has been moved to Friday mornings at 10am to increase registration numbers. Staff received comments that Mondays was not an ideal day. Since we moved it to Fridays, the program now has 18 regular weekly players and some weekly drop-in players.

[BMC Energy](#) is offering two Saturday morning fitness programs in the auditorium at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. A strength fitness program starts at 8am and a spin class begins at 9am. Starting in the new year will be a Mom & Tot fitness program. Participants are asked to contact BMC Energy to register for any of their programs.

The Point Clark Community Centre continues to be busy with weekly fitness programs. Melissa Dozois offers Tuesday morning Yoga classes while Carmen Corburn has Wednesday afternoon Line Dancing programs. Participants register directly with the instructors.

Community Events

Ripley Arena will host games for the Kincardine Silver Stick Tournament from December 29-30 2023.

The Halloween Costume Skate on Oct. 28 saw close to 50 adults and kids dressed up and enjoying a Saturday evening of public skating before the Ripley Wolves' game. Sponsored public skating continues throughout the season on Saturday evenings at 5:30pm. Each week, the public skating sponsor is advertised on social media, on the Ripley Arena dressing room assignment TV in the main lobby and can be found on the Community Events page on the Township's website.

The Ripley Winter Carnival date is set for February 17, 2024. Staff has started planning for this fun-filled community event.

Financial Impacts:

Included in the Current Budget.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are a prosperous community that continues to grow in a sustainable manner

By growing a diversity of tourism opportunities

We are a vibrant community that values our uniqueness and creativity

By creating places where people want to be

By celebrating what makes us unique

We are a spirited community that takes pride in calling Huron-Kinloss home

By supporting a diversity of lifestyles

By engaging in our community

By retaining our youth

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer