



Staff Report

Report Title: 2023 December - Community Services Programming

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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 CS-2023-12-55 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:

Fitness Programs

Melissa Alexander and Brooke Osborne are owners of [BMC Energy](#) and for the past two months, have been offering Spin Classes and Strength Classes at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. With the success of these two classes, they are expanding their programs in the new year to include a mom & baby fitness, evening spin and strength classes, a youth fitness class and continue with their Saturday morning spin/strength classes. They sent out a survey to gauge community interest, desired times and classes to help finalize a schedule of programs that suites the community's needs.

Registration for Huff n' Puff hockey has closed as the program is now full with 28 players and 3 goalies. Weekly games are 1.5 hours and between 20-25 players attend each week.

The Point Clark Community Centre continues to be busy the many activities offered by the Huron Lakeshore Friendship Club including shuffleboard, cards, crafts, jam sessions, monthly meetings and special club events such as the Harvest Dinner and Christmas Dinner. The Huron Lakeshore Friendship Club welcomes new members 55+.

Youth Programs

With the success of a 5-week Ripley Wolf Cub Adventure Camp in 2023, staff would like to offer 5 weeks of camp again in 2024. The first week of camp will be a 4-day week, as Canada Day falls on Monday, July 1. Staff has started planning camp and registration opening mid-January.

Ripley Summer Sports registration will open in January through the Community Services new booking software.

Empowering Kids in the Kitchen with Kala Stuckless is hosting a Kids Christmas Baking workshop at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre on December 8.

Community Events

Plans are coming together for the 2024 Ripley Winter Carnival, kicking off with the annual Costume Skate Friday, February 16. The Carnival will start on February 17 with the Pancake Breakfast, followed by many other activities throughout the day.

Weekly sponsored public skating continues every Saturday evening at 5:30pm before the Ripley Wolves games. We continue to offer sponsored PA Day Skating, Snow Day Shiny and special events sponsored skating for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The Ripley Business Community sponsored a Skate with Santa on December 2.

The blue coop Christmas Market will be held at the Point Clark Community Centre on December 9.

Financial Impacts:

Huff n Puff is a new program and has generated \$4,900 in revenue that was not included in the 2023 budget.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

The information provided in this report is consistent with and in keeping with the Municipality's Vision & Mission. 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