



Staff Report

Report Title: 2024 January 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-2024-01-5 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.

Skating Aids

The 3 current skating aids at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre, used during public skating, are broken, regularly needing fixed and poor quality. Staff has been looking at replacement options.

Discussion:

Fitness Programs

Melissa Alexander and Brooke Osborne, owners of [BMC Energy](#), have released their winter fitness schedule, which includes, Mom & Tot Fitness Class, Spin Classes and Group Fitness Classes at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. Participants can register per session or pay a drop-in fee. BMC Energy is also offering a Beauty in Strength youth fitness program tailored to young girls. Classes focus on teaching body awareness, engagement and instilling a sense of strength for their future. A full

schedule is available on BMC Energy website and the Ripley-Huron Community Centre calendar.

Her Strength Studio in Point Clark has leased the basement of the Point Clark Community Centre and will begin fitness programs in February.

Youth Programs

Planning has started for the Ripley Wolf Cub Adventure Camp this summer. There is 5 weeks of camp, starting July 4, after the Canada Day holiday. Registration fee for Week 1 is \$135/camper because it is a shorter week. Weeks 2-5 is \$170/camper.

- Week 1 – July 2-5 – Olympics!
- Week 2 – July 8-12 – A Bug's Life
- Week 3 – July 15-19 – Around the World
- Week 4 – July 22-26 – Mad Science
- Week 5 – July 29 - August 2 – Barnyard Palooza

Ripley Summer Sports registration will open January 23, after the Summer Sports Committee's meeting on January 22.

A St. John Ambulance Home Alone Course will be held Saturday, February 24 and a Babysitting Course will be held Friday, April 26 at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre.

Ripley Winter Carnival

The Ripley Winter Carnival will kick off Friday, February 16 with a Costume Skate, sponsored by the Ripley Lions Club and the Ripley Agricultural Society. Saturday's events include the Pancake Breakfast; fire truck displays from the Ripley-Huron Fire Department; FarHope Farms horse-drawn sleigh rides; Bridge and Euchre games with prizes sponsored by Rosewood RVilla; Ice Painting sponsored by the Ripley Agricultural Society; Hockey Skills Competition and Public Skating sponsored by the Ripley Wolves. Huron-Bruce Minor Hockey games will be played throughout morning and afternoon.

Public Skating

Weekly sponsored public skating continues every Saturday evening at 5:30pm, before Ripley Wolves games.

The Community Services Department purchased 5 new Skate Helpers to replace the skate aids at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. [Skate Helper](#) is a new, sturdier and safer way for adults and children to learn how to skate. They are used by hockey organizations and community centers throughout North America. The Skate Helpers are accessible and can easily slide into a wheelchair, making public skating accessible to anyone. By stacking two together, they can be used to support adults learning to skate.

The cost for each Skate Helper is \$265.55 including shipping. With the support of Superheat in Kincardine, the Ripley Legion Branch 440 and the Ripley Legion Ladies Auxiliary, 4 of the Skate Helpers have been sponsored. Decal for each sponsorship is on the front of the Skate Helpers.

Financial Impacts:

The Skate Helpers payment and sponsorships are made through the Arena Advertising 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