



Staff Report

Report Title: 2024 March Community Services Programming

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Department: Community Services Department

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Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CS-2024-03-12 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, Ripley Wolf Cub Adventure Camp, Home Alone/Babysitting Courses, indoor ball hockey, public skating and minor baseball and soccer leagues as well as annual community events such as the Ripley Winter Carnival.

Discussion:

Youth Programs

Registrations for Ripley Minor Baseball and Ripley Minor Soccer continue to steadily come in. To date, there are 138 participants registered for Ripley Summer Sports. Early Bird registration closes March 15. Indoor baseball practices begin April 8 for Ripley Minor Baseball. The Summer Sports Committee is coordinating a soccer clinic in the spring.

Ball Hockey will be mid-April at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. Staff is working on new format to improve on 2023 program. Team registration will open mid-March for Ball Hockey.

St. John Ambulance Babysitting Course is April 26 at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre.

Community Events

The Ripley Winter Carnival was another successful weekend, starting off with about 60 youth participating in the Friday night Costume Skate. Close to 350 people attend the Pancake Breakfast, enjoyed sleigh rides by Farhope Farms, ice painting, smores and hotdogs by the Ripley-Huron Fire Department and watched Huron-Bruce Minor Hockey games. About 30 youth attended the Hockey Skills Competition with the Ripley Wolves, followed by public skating. The Euchre Tournament had a good turn out, filling 5 tables for card games. The Community Services Department would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help make this community event another fun-filled weekend.

Financial Impacts:

Included in the current the 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:

Elyse Dewar, Administrative Assistant/Program Coordinator

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer