



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: 2024 April Community Services Programming Update

Date: Apr. 3, 2024

Report Number: CS-2024-04-17

Department: Community Services

File Number: C11 CS 24

Prepared By: Elyse Dewar, Administrative Assistant, Program Coordinator

Attachments: None

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CS-2024-04-17 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/Analysis/Overview:

Youth Programs

Indoor Ball Hockey will run for 4 weeks on Tuesdays, starting April 16 with three divisions – U7, U9 and U11. Each division will have 4 teams with a minimum of 6 players and a goalie, playing three 12-minutes each night. Registration is \$140/team.

Ripley Summer Sports early bird registration ended March 31 and registration closes April 1. To date, 116 youth have registered for baseball and 80 have registered for soccer. Indoor Baseball Practices will begin Wednesday, April 10.

St. John Ambulance Babysitting Course is April 27 at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. Registration fee is \$75/participant and currently there are 9 enrolled.

Ripley Wolf Cub Adventure Camp is full, and we have a wait list for all 5 weeks.

Adult Programs

Staff has created an Adult and Senior Programs page on the Township's website to help support and promote activities, fitness programs or events throughout the municipality.

Huff n Puff wrapped up a successful first season, with 31 players registered to the weekly hockey program. Community Services will host this program again next fall,

with the potential of adding a second weekly morning game to Huff n Puff in addition to the Friday morning game.

Barb Abell from Barbells Fitness has booked the Ripley-Huron Community Centre to offer three new fitness programs to the community, including a 30-day weight loss challenge, spin/cardio, and body sculpting. Weekly programs begin April 16.

Outdoor Pickleball season begins mid-May at the Point Clark Community Centre. Community Service staff is meeting with last year's pickleball participants to gather feedback and comments on how the season ran in 2023 and any improvements we can make to the program this summer.

Community Events

Community Living, Kincardine and District Family Support Team and Greta Bruce Inclusive Playgroup are hosting an All Kids Can Play Event at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre on May 14 from 6:00-8:00pm. This training is suitable for all recreation leaders that work with children and youth including coaches, instructors, volunteers, municipal staff, parents and has been shared with our community partners. More details or to register can be found at [All Kids Can Play](#)

Financial Impacts:

Included in the current budget.

Performance Measurement:

N/A

Strategic Area:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Inclusive Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Facilitate Community Well Being

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer