



# The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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## Staff Report

**Report Title: 2024 April Parks and Facilities Update**

**Date: Apr. 3, 2024**

**Report Number: CS-2024-04-18**

**Department: Community Services**

**File Number: C11 CS 24**

**Prepared By: Matt McClinchey, Parks and Facilities Supervisor**

**Attachments: None**

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CS-2024-04-18 prepared by Matt McClinchey, Parks, and Facilities Supervisor.

### **Background:**

The Community Services Department operates and maintains various facilities, parks, and trails in the Township throughout the calendar year.

### **Discussion/Analysis/Overview:**

#### Ripley Huron Community Center

The ice at the Ripley Huron Community Center will be removed starting March 31<sup>st</sup>. Turning off the refrigeration plant before April 1<sup>st</sup> ensures a larger energy draw will not factor into the April hydro costs. The estimated hydro savings are \$2500. User groups cancelled all ice rentals March 31<sup>st</sup> prompting staff to remove ice a day earlier than originally anticipated.

Staff prepare to welcome the Ripley YMCA Daycare as renovations at the Ripley Medical Center and Daycare begin in April. The daycare will have full use of the social room and kitchen starting April 3rd. Staff have provided fencing west of the social room for the children to use as an outdoor play area. The daycare will use a designated washroom space. Additional safety measures will be conducted at the facility to create a smooth transition for the children and daycare staff.

#### Gateway Signs

The solar lighting found on the gateway signs that welcome visitors to Ripley and Lucknow will be replaced in the month of April. The battery enclosures were filled with water causing them to fail. A new style of battery enclosures will be installed to solve this problem. The total cost to fix all eight signs are estimated to cost \$10,000 and were included in the 2024 capital budget. The Lucknow Business Chamber is providing \$2,200 to help cover some of the cost to the Lucknow signs.

## Parks

Staff prepare to open and clean up our 23 parks and greens spaces during the month of April. Seasonal washrooms will be opened by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Portable washrooms will be placed at sports-fields by May 1<sup>st</sup>, and beach access washrooms place by June 21<sup>st</sup>. All garbage receptables will be placed at the beach accesses and parks by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Community Service's seasonal staff will consist of five students working May 6<sup>th</sup> to August 30<sup>th</sup>. A seasonal operator will also join our staff from April 22<sup>nd</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Financial Impacts:**

All costs were included in the 2024 capital and operating budgets.

### **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:**

Matt McClinchey, Parks and Facility Supervisor

### **Report Approved By:**

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer