

The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Community Services Staff June 2024

Date: Jun. 3, 2024 Report Number: CS-2024-06-23

Department: Community Services File Number: C11 CS24

Prepared By: Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Attachments: Final Point Clark Shipwreck Report, Ice Allocation Policy

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CS-2024-06-23 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services.

Background:

Community Partners Meeting June 19th at 7:00 pm

The Department of Community Services hosts an annual community partners meeting with various sports organizations, Beach Associations, any members of the public, and users of our facilities. Meeting will be hosted at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre.

Medical Centre / Daycare Update

The medical centre and daycare renovations have been ongoing and are slightly behind schedule due to the abatement of hazardous substances, in addition to unforeseen renovation work required.

Shipwreck Report findings from Archaeologists

In 2021 an old shipwreck from late 1800's washed ashore south of the Point Clark Lighthouse. Archaeologists initiated a study of the shipwreck.

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) Recognition Sign Waterworks Park

The MVCA contacted Municipal staff for approval to update the Waterworks Park recognition signage.

New Door installation at Point Clark Community Centre Stairs

The Huron Lakeshore Friendship Club has requested that an additional door be provided to access the basement storage room from the inside the building rather than the current exterior door access.

New proposed Ice Allocation Policy

A copy of a new proposed ice allocation policy is attached.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Community Partners Meeting June 19th at 7:00 pm

The Department of Community Services hosts an annual community partners meeting with various sports organizations, Beach Associations, Service Clubs, and Huron-Kinloss residents. The meeting outlines current and future projects and plans for the Community Services Department. In an effort to be efficient this year the economic Development, and Public works Departments will also be providing updates for current projects this year at the annual stakeholders meeting.

Medical Centre / Daycare Update

The Daycare is the priority at this point. Additional work required in the daycare includes a new kitchen, new storage cabinets, a portion of the concrete floor, and new drywall on ceilings. The above work will be within the overall budget, and extras are being documented as the project evolves.

Shipwreck Report findings from Archaeologists

Prior to conducting any assessment, a marine archaeological licence (2021-08) was obtained by Scarlett Janusas from the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM).

Scarlett Janusas, as indicated above, is the marine licence holder and marine archaeologist. Patrick Folkes is the marine historian and project co-leader. Additional OMHC volunteers (2nd field visit) included: Durrell Martin, Kayla Martin, Jennifer Martin, Kevin Martin, Dan Lindsay, and Jamie Li. Many of the local informants also volunteered on site, clearing away the overburden of sand and conducting searches for additional pieces.

The Shipwreck study attached is complete and submitted to the Ministry. A recommendation included the Township of Huron-Kinloss erecting a sign at each end of the project area for future reference. Staff does not recommend the additional signage.

MVCA Recognition Sign for Waterworks Park

The replacement recognition signage is approved and being installed this summer courtesy of the MVCA.

New Door installation at Point Clark Community Centre Stairs

The new door request would provide the Huron Lakeshore Friendship Club access to the storage room from the inside of the building. The additional door would provide the club better access especially during the winter months. The cost is estimated at \$3 000 and not included in the budget however staff is confident that savings in other projects will cover the costs.

New proposed Ice Allocation Policy

The proposed ice allocation policy is attached for your review. Staff intend to invite the current ice users to a meeting to review the new policy as a group. Upon review staff will update if required and bring back to Council for approval.

Financial Impacts:

A new interior door installed in the basement to access storage is \$3 000 that will be recovered through other capital projects otherwise there are no other financial impacts.

Performance Measurement:

Annual community engagement meeting for public, and user groups.

Strategic Area:

☑ Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle☑ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery☑ Prepare for Inclusive Growth☑ Ensure Financial Stability

Strategic Goal: Encourage strong communication and community engagement

Strategic Goal: Manage assets and infrastructure

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer