



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: 2024 June Parks and Facilities Update

Date: Jun. 3, 2024

Report Number: CS-2024-06-25

Department: Community Services

File Number: C11 CS 24

Prepared By: Matt McClinchey, Parks, and Facilities Supervisor

Attachments: Lighthouse photo

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Reportr CS-2024-06-25 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:

Lakeshore

An abnormal amount of driftwood, logs and branches washed up along the shoreline, south of the Pine River Boat Club. The debris started at the boat club and spanned 0.5 km south. Elliot Construction was hired to gather and remove the large branches and logs. Staff generally do not remove driftwood and logs; however, this case was deemed to be a public safety issue.

Pollinator Gardens

Community Services staff are assisting the Ripley and District Horticultural Society with pollinator gardens at the Ripley Library and Blue Park. Staff in conjunction with the horticulture society have removed the existing shrubs at the library and have tilled the soil for the new garden at Blue Park. The gardens are expected to be completed in June.

Lighthouse Garden

Staff assisted the Point Clark Beach Association in installing a new garden at the Point Clark Lighthouse Museum. The old shrubs were removed, and new shrubs installed (picture attached). The beach association also cleaned up the lighthouse park gardens beds.

Flags

New flag poles were installed at the Point Clark Community Center and the memorial garden bed beside the Municipal Office. A1 Flags Inc completed the install which included a concrete base.

Financial Impacts: Included in operating budget

Performance Measurement: N/A

Strategic Area:

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

Strategic Goal: Protect, promote and restore our natural environment
Encourage strong communication and community engagement

Respectfully Submitted By: Matt McClinchey, Parks, and Facilities Supervisor

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer