



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: 2024 August Community Services Programming Update

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Department: Community Services

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Prepared By: Elyse Dewar, Administrative Assistant/Program Coordinator

Attachments: None

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receive for information Report CS-2024-08-32 prepared by Elyse Dewar, Administrative Assistant/Program Coordinator.

Background:

The Community Services Department organizes and coordinates programming for Huron-Kinloss youth and adults such as fitness classes, indoor ball hockey, public skating, Ripley Minor Baseball and Ripley Minor Soccer, Home Alone/Babysitting Courses, Ripley Wolf Cub Adventure Camp and annual community events such as the Ripley Winter Carnival.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Youth Programs

The Ripley Wolf Adventure Camp had another successful summer, welcoming 175 campers over 5 weeks of camp. The camp leaders and coordinator were fantastic, responsible and kept the campers busy all of July. The adventures included a trips to Bervie Zoo, PRWIN McLarty Centre, Lucknow Pool, Tiny Tot Park in Kincardine, the BBFG visits from Bruce County Dairy Producers, Bruce County Library, the NWMO for a geology presentation and a foam party. These adventures were made possible by sponsorships from the Ripley & District Lions Club, Ripley Legion Branch 440, the Nuclear Waste Management Organization and Montgomery Bus Lines.

For the third year, Ripley Summer Sports is hosting the WOBA U9 Year End Tournament from August 9-11, using the Point Clark, Reid's Corners and Ripley Ball Diamonds. This is one of the Committee major fundraising initiatives, raising about \$6,000 each year.

Ripley Minor Baseball had 129 players registered from T-ball to U15. Teams continue with regular season games until mid-August, when many will head to year end tournaments. There were 77 players registered for Ripley Minor Soccer between Blastball, U6 and U8. Soccer wrapped up the end of July.

Looking ahead, the Ripley Wolves have booked 16 ice times on Sunday for a Hockey Skills Development program for local youth and the Ripley-Huron Skating Club will continue with the Friday evening Power Skating this winter.

Between Huron-Bruce Minor Hockey, Ripley-Huron Skating Club, Ripley Wolves, Huff n Puff, Ladies Rec League and Old Timers, the Ripley-Huron Community Centre prime time ice is 90 percent booked for the 2024/2025.

Adult Programs

Community Services is working with a local resident to offer a new Ladies Rec Hockey League this winter. This program will run Sunday mornings, similar to other adult hockey programs with 30 players and 2 goalies.

Last winter, Huff n Puff senior men’s hockey was well received and ended up with a wait list of players, sparking the demand to add an additional weekday ice rental for the 2024/2025 program. Huff n Puff is expanding this winter, adding Monday mornings games and continuing with Friday mornings games.

Barb Abell from Barbell Fitness is returning this fall to offer new fitness programs geared towards adults. A local resident has booked 10 spin bikes for a weekday morning spin class at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre.

Outdoor Pickleball in Point Clark continues with weekday morning games at the Point Clark Community Centre parking lot. There are 58 registrations to date, with an average of 30-40 participants playing each morning.

Financial Impacts:

Included in the current 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: Facilitate Community Well Being

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