

The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Regional Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger Strategy

Date: Sep. 4, 2024 Report Number: CS-2024-09-36

Department: Community Services File Number: C11 CS 24 &

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Prepared By: Mike Fair, Director of Community Services Attachments: Draft Memorandum of Understanding

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report CS-2024-09-36 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approves the east side of the Lucknow and District Sports Complex parking lot as a location for future consideration for the project and bring forward a by-law to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding from IVY.

Background:

The following is a follow from report CS 2022-12-65 wherein the Committee of the Whole recommended that Council direct Staff to recommend the east side of the Lucknow and District Sports Complex parking lot as a location for future consideration for the project.

Staff has received a funding update on the EV Charging Units for Huron-Kinloss at the Lucknow and District Sports Complex parking lot. Community Energy and IVY are the groups that Bruce County (along with other surrounding Counties) have partnered with to secure funding for EV charging units to be placed in designated areas throughout the county.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Currently, IVY has an application submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation-ChargeON Program, which may have a decision by this fall. In addition to the MTO funding, IVY plans to apply to NRCan funding through the ZEVIP program on behalf of all the counties for the sites identified in the ChargeON Application. This provides a second opportunity to secure funding, both covering 50% of eligible costs. This would allow the project to move ahead if either application is successful.

For IVY to move forward on the NRCan-ZEVIP funding application, the County is requesting each municipality to sign a memorandum of understanding before September 19, 2024. The MOU is not a legally binding document as that would

come later if there were an offer of funding. Staff recommend bringing forward a Bylaw to enter into the MOU at the September Council meeting.
Financial Impacts:
There are no financial impacts.
Performance Measurement:
Installation of EV Charging stations
Strategic Area:
□ Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle □ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery □ Prepare for Inclusive Growth □ Ensure Financial Stability
Strategic Goal: Ensure municipal systems support future growth
Respectfully Submitted By: Mike Fair, Director of Community Services
Report Approved By: Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer