



# The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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## Staff Report

**Report Title: Community Services Status Report October 2024**

**Date: Oct. 7, 2024**

**Report Number: CS-2024-10-39**

**Department: Community Services**

**File Number: C11 CS 24**

**Prepared By: Mike Fair**

**Attachments:**

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### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CS-2024-10-39 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services.

### **Background:**

#### Attawandaron and Deer Run Trails Restoration Point Clark

The trails are included in the 2024 capital budget for restoration. The trails were damaged due to the extensive ash tree removal work.

#### Real Ice System

The [Realice](#) system was included in the 2024 capital budget is now installed and ready to start the ice installation on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Ripley Medical Centre

The Ripley Medical Centre renovations is included in the 2024 capital budget.

#### Lakeshore Erosion Shrub Planting Partnership

The Pine River Watershed (David Grant) has partnered with the Township of Huron-Kinloss to prevent Lakeshore Erosion on Lake Huron.

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

#### Attawandaron and Deer Run Trails Restoration Point Clark

The trails have been fully cleared, and restoration work has begun. Larger stone placed in low areas, and all the trail lengths have been topped with stone dust type material. Elliott Construction has provided the larger stone material, and equipment to spread the material. The bulk of the material 500 tonnes has been donated by Teeswater concrete, and Public works department provided the trucking to Point Clark. Gates, and signage are still required to be installed this fall. Photo of the work to date are attached.

#### Realice System

The Realice system was included in the 2024 capital budget (\$35 000). The purchase price was \$34 560.00 plus HST, and a Save on Energy Grant was approved for \$5 062 which will bring the final cost under \$30 000 plus the HST. The expected savings is 38 000 Kwh annually or an estimated \$5 000 annually. Staff will be monitoring the system closely to determine the return on investment which is estimated for six years.

#### Ripley Medical Centre

The Ripley Medical Centre is included in the 2024 capital budget. The project is nearing completion. Trim, and doors, blinds, preliminary landscaping, and the exterior handrail for new ramp will be installed mid October. Furnishings and equipment are slated to be re-installed late October. Staff will update Council with a grand re-opening ribbon cutting ceremony when the details are available in partnership with the Kincardine Family Health Team.

#### Lakeshore Erosion Shrub Planting Partnership

The Pine River Watershed (David Grant) is coordinating the distribution of 100 spreading junipers to those lakeshore residents to be planted in the mid to rear dune area along the Huron-Kinloss Shoreline. The project will bring awareness to the lakeshore residents and the importance of dune protection along the shoreline. The project is included in the 2024 operating tree planting budget.

#### **Financial Impacts:**

The above projects are included in the 2024 capital and operating budgets.

Reduction in Electricity costs for the Ripley-Huron Community Centre by 7%

Reduction in the capital costs for Deer Run and Attawandaron Trails

#### **Performance Measurement:**

Restore 1.5 km of trails

Engaged partner for Environmental initiative

Reducing energy used by the Ripley-Huron Community Centre by 7%

**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**

**: Facilitate Community Well Being**

**: Protect, promote and restore our natural environment**

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

**Report Approved By:**

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer