



# The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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## Staff Report

**Report Title:** 25 -Year Amalgamation Anniversary Time Capsule Video

**Date:** Dec. 2, 2024

**Report Number:** CLK-2024-12-49

**Department:** Legislative Services

**File Number:** C11 CLK24

**Prepared By:** Kristen Prentice, Communications Coordinator

**Attachments:** 25-yr Anniversary Logo

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### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CLK-2024-12-49 prepared by Kristen Prentice, Communications Coordinator.

### **Background:**

In 1999, the Township of Huron-Kinloss was formed through the amalgamation of Ripley-Huron, the Township of Kinloss, and the Village of Lucknow. This significant restructuring united our rural and village communities under one municipal government.

The 25th anniversary of amalgamation is a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the progress we have achieved together as a community

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

The first Mayor of Huron-Kinloss was Stuart Reavie, with Keith Vander Hoek serving as Deputy Mayor. The inaugural Council included Lillian Abbott, Mitchell Twolan, Gerald Doelman, Wilfred Gamble, and James Hanna.

The Township office was established in Ripley in the former Town Hall, symbolizing the start of a new chapter for our community. Over the past 25 years, Huron-Kinloss has grown into a thriving and unified municipality while preserving its rural charm and values.

Some of the key community accomplishments over the past 25 years include:

- **Septic Inspection Program:** Promoting environmental sustainability and protecting water quality.
- **Extension of Lake Range Drive:** Addressing traffic concerns along Boiler Beach Road and improving transportation along the lakeshore.
- **Pine River Watershed Initiative Network:** Supporting conservation and environmental stewardship through collaborative efforts.
- **Construction/Renovation of Lucknow and Ripley Fire Halls:** Enhancing emergency response and ensuring community safety.

These initiatives demonstrate Huron-Kinloss's commitment to sustainable growth, safety, and community development.

To commemorate this milestone, the Township partnered with videographer Tom Church to produce a time capsule-style video. This video captures the spirit of our journey with a focus on three themes: where we came from, where we are now, and where we are going. It includes interviews, historic photographs, and visuals from across the Township to celebrate our achievements and highlight our unique rural identity. The video can be found at [Our Communities | Township of Huron-Kinloss](#).

Looking to the future, the Township remains guided by its principles of inclusiveness, transparency, accountability, kindness, and organizational excellence. Our vision—to be a unified, engaged, and caring community that cultivates opportunities and embraces our rural lifestyle—continues to shape our direction and inspire growth.

**Financial Impacts:**

This project was included in the 2024 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: Encourage strong communication and community engagement**

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Kristen Prentice, Communications Coordinator

**Report Approved By:**

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer