



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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### Staff Report

**Report Title: Community Services Programming Update January 2025**

**Date: Jan. 13, 2025**

**Report Number: CS-2025-06**

**Department: Community Services**

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**Prepared By: Elyse Dewar, Administrative Assistant/Program Coordinator**

**Attachments: None**

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#### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CS-2025-06 prepared by Elyse Dewar, Administrative Assistant/Program Coordinator.

#### **Background:**

The Community Services Department organizes and coordinates programming for youth and adults such as fitness classes, Wolf Cub Adventure Camp, Home Alone/Babysitting Courses, public skating and minor baseball and soccer leagues as well as annual community events such as the Ripley Winter Carnival.

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

##### Adult Fitness Programs

Community Services is offering two different opportunities for adult fitness at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. The Adult Fitness Punch Card allows adults to use the spin bikes and exercise equipment in the auditorium at their convenience on a drop-in basis, during facility operating hours. The Adult Lunch Hour Skate provides is another fitness opportunity during lunch breaks, Mondays to Fridays from noon until 1pm.

Parent & Tot and Senior Skates continue weekday mornings throughout the season and there is no charge for this program.

The Huff n' Puff expanded this season, to include Monday mornings to the weekly men's hockey program. Huff n' Puff is Mondays and Fridays from October 2024 to March 2025 with 44 registrations.

New this season is the Ladies Rec Hockey League on Sunday mornings. Community Services worked with local resident Molly Nixon to provide a non-competitive hockey program for women over 30 from October 2024 to March 2025. To date, there are 29 registrations.

With the warmer fall temperatures, the outdoor Point Clark Pickleball program continued their season until early November. There were 61 registered pickleball players in 2024, participating in weekday morning games. Drop-in players were

common and all courts were used daily. Following the Parks and Trails Plan, community engagement and feedback, staff are working towards developing permanent courts at the Point Clark Community Centre. Currently, pickleball is played using nets and temporary fencing on the parking lot.

### Child and Youth Programs

Ripley Summer Sports Committee had a successful 2024 season, hosting the Baseball Day in Ripley and the WOBA U9 Year End Tournament. Ripley Minor Baseball had 129 registrations between T-ball to U15 and offered 4 weeks of indoor practices on the Ripley-Huron Community Services arena floor before the regular season began in May. Ripley Minor Soccer had 48 registrations for the Blastball program and 29 registrations for the U6 and U8 soccer teams. Registration for Ripley Summer Sports 2025 season opened January 6.

Indoor Ball Hockey for youth ages 7-11 is planned for April 2025 on the arena floor.

The Ripley Wolf Cub Adventure Camp will offer 5 weeks of camp again this summer, from June 30 to August 1 (excluding July 1 for Canada Day). Staff are working with the Ripley Reunion Committee to ensure there will be no facility set up conflicts the final week of July, leading up to the Ripley Reunion. Registration for 2025 Ripley Wolf Cub Camp opens January 20. In 2024, Wolf Camp had 175 registrations for 5 weeks of camp.

### Other Recreation Programs Supported by Community Services include:

- Sponsored Public Skating on Saturday evenings and school PA Days
- Snow Day and PA Day shinny
- Ripley Wolves Hockey Skills Development Program
- Ripley-Huron Skating Club Power Skating and CanSkate programs
- Huron-Bruce Minor Hockey program
- Indoor Men's Ball Hockey (new 2024)
- Tuesday morning adult spin class (new 2024)
- Bruce County Early Years program
- Huron Lakeshore Friendship Club weekly senior programs (Point Clark Community Centre)
- Adult Dance Classes (Point Clark and Ripley)
- VON Fitness (RHCC)
- Lucknow Lawn Bowling

### Community Events

The Ripley Winter Carnival is February 14 and 15, 2025. The event kicks off Friday, February 14 with a Costume Skate, sponsored by the Ripley Lions Club and the Ripley Agricultural Society. Saturday's events include the Pancake Breakfast; Ripley-Huron Fire Department fire truck displays; FarHope Farms horse-drawn sleigh rides; Bridge and Euchre games with prizes sponsored by Rosewood RVilla; Ice Painting

sponsored by the Ripley Agricultural Society; Hockey Skills Competition and Public Skating sponsored by the Ripley Wolves. Huron-Bruce Minor Hockey games will be played throughout morning and afternoon.

**Financial Impacts:**

The new Huff n Puff and Ladies Rec Hockey programs generated an additional \$10,000 in the 2024 budget.

**Performance Measurement:**

N/A

**Strategic Area:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Inclusive Growth                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability         |

**Strategic Goal: Facilitate Community Well Being**

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