

Staff Report

Report Title: Ripley Medical Centre and Daycare SummaryDate: Jan. 13, 2025Report Number: CS-2025-08Department: Community ServicesFile Number: C11 CS 25Copy to: A19 Ripley MedicalFile Number: C11 CS 25Prepared By: Mike Fair, Director of Community ServicesAttachments: Photo of Front of Building

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2025-08 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services.

Background:

The Ripley Medical Centre and Daycare interior renovations are now complete. The budget amount was \$766 000, and the finished cost is just over \$600 000.

Currently there is minor landscaping and brick pointing to be completed by local contractors and Staff in April 2025. This work was not included in the tendered contract. The estimated remaining amount to complete the work is \$5 000.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

The Ripley Medical and Childcare Centre will provide a variety of essential services. Dr. Jason Murray will begin treating his patients at the Ripley Medical Centre on Fridays, and the Kincardine Family Health Team (KFHT) will operate the Unattached Patient Clinic at the Ripley Medical Centre on Mondays and Thursdays. This clinic serves individuals without a local family physician. In addition, a variety of KFHT programs and interdisciplinary providers will visit weekly, including:

Midwife, Occupational Therapist, Dietitian, Kinesiologist, and Registered Nurse.

The YMCA of Owen Sound Grey-Bruce reopened its updated Licensed Childcare Services on September 4, featuring a reimagined floor plan with brighter, more spacious rooms. The improved facility now accommodates 15 toddlers and 24 preschoolers, increasing its previous capacity of 10 toddlers and 16 preschoolers, while continuing to provide safe, affordable, and accessible childcare for families.

The renovations were made possible with financial contributions from the NWMO Near-Term Investment Fund, the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Childcare Start-up Grant, Miller Insurance, and the Community Well-Being Reserve Fund. This partnership-driven initiative exemplifies the collective commitment to enhancing the quality of life for Huron-Kinloss residents.

Financial Impacts:

Staff will include \$5 000 to complete the remaining landscaping, and brick pointing in the 2025 budget.

Performance Measurement:

N/A

Strategic Area:

⊠Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle ⊠Prepare for Inclusive Growth

- $\hfill\square$ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery
- \boxtimes Ensure Financial Stability

Strategic Goal: Facilitate Community Well Being

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer