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Point Clark Beach Association Board of Directors
c/o Robert Foster
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Via email: president@pcba.ca

Mr. Foster,

The volunteers and board members who make up the Point Clark Beach Association (PCBA) are to be congratulated on their 80th anniversary. The Township wishes to acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of current and previous volunteers through the organization's long history for the support of projects and events in the Point Clark community.

Township staff are committed to continuing to collaborate with the PCBA as opportunities arise. Your recent letter to Mayor and Council was placed on the March 3, 2025 agenda with this response.

Staff are taking this opportunity to respond to some of the projects you have identified and provide an update on progress and plans.

Roofing

Township staff inspected the shingled roof of the gazebo at Lighthouse Park in 2024. The roof was found to be in reasonable condition. Staff additionally inspected the Point Clark Community Centre (PCCC) pavilion roof, as it was identified as a more urgent concern due to excessive shade, and trees adjacent to the roof. Staff are recommending that both roofs be included within the capital plan as required replacement. These projects would proceed as funding, and staff capacity permits.

Tree Planting

Staff are pleased to note that the PCBA seeks to continue collaborating on tree plantings within the community. The Parks and Trails plan completed in 2024

have several areas in Blue Park, Lighthouse Park and Attawandaron Park designated for tree planting. You can find more information about these plans in the Parks and Trails plan at:

<https://www.huronkinloss.com/media/yepbtddv/parks-and-trails-pan-final-12052024.pdf> (pages 85, 87 and 89 specifically). After you have had the opportunity to review, Staff look forward to future discussions with your organization on which areas you would like to collaborate on.

Planters and beautification

The Township of Huron-Kinloss is made up of many unique communities, each with distinct features and benefits. The Point Clark area is fortunate to include much natural beauty in the form of tree canopy, natural environment and beaches which are not available in other areas. The Township budgets \$40,000 annually in the Lakeshore area for Beach clean-up, beach access maintenance and other maintenance activities which are intended for residents to enjoy the natural beauty of the area.

In the downtown business areas of the two urban areas of Lucknow and Ripley, hanging baskets and planters have been provided by the local businesses and horticultural societies, as a beautification project. Staff commit to watering the planters from when they are installed until late September.

External Water

Watering, particularly during warmer months, and in windier areas can be a challenge. While staff empathize with this, the Township does not have plans to install outside water bibs in this area. Outside water bibs, often face misuse, which can lead to damage to surrounding landscape, buildings and waste of resources.

Given these concerns, Staff suggest an alternative approach that can be both sustainable and beneficial. The PCBA is encouraged to consider planting annuals that are not water-dependent, such as those found in the butterfly gardens across the Township. Over time, these plants become hardy and are able to thrive with minimal water, while promoting the growth of native, resilient plant species.

Parking Concerns

At this time, there are no plans to implement paid parking. However, the Township understand the importance of maintaining accessibility and

convenience for everyone. By-law enforcement has been increased during the summer months, with a particular focus on the lakeshore area. Staff will ensure that this area is included in their regular patrols. We appreciate your feedback and are committed to continuing efforts to manage parking effectively

In conclusion, thank you for your ongoing commitment to engaging with Staff and Council on issues that are important to you. Township staff appreciate the important work your community group has been doing. Your efforts are having a positive impact, and the Township looks forward to the possibility of future collaboration.

Please feel free to reach out if there are opportunities for continued support or partnership moving forward

Regards,

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