



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Community Services Programming Update May 2025

Date: May. 5, 2025

Report Number: CS-2025-15

Department: Community Services

File Number: C11 CS 25

Prepared By: Elyse Dewar, Administrative Assistant/Program Coordinator

Attachments:

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CS-2025-15 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:

Child and Youth Programs

Registration for Ripley Wolf Cub Adventure Camp opened in January 2025 and within a few hours, was full. The waitlist for most weeks was between 35-45 youth. Staff determined a need to expand the number of registrations from 35 youth per week to 50 and hire one additional camp leader in order to accept the youth on the waitlist. Wolf Cub Camp has one Camp Coordinator and 5 Camp Leaders for the summer.

A 2-day March Break Wolf Cub Camp was offered at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre with 18 registrations for each day. Camp included outdoor and indoor games, pizza lunch and two ice times – one for public skating style with activities and the other for shinny. This pilot program was to determine a need for March Break camp in the community. Staff will expand March Break camp for 2026 to include additional days.

There are currently 8 members on the Ripley Summer Sports Committee. New members include Kathleen Scott, Crystal Burt, Jeff Johnston and Kelsey McDonald. Committee members stepping down are Kristy Botden, Dennis Dewar, Meg Fry, Kara Kortegaard, Kyle Little and Tyson Pollock.

Ripley Minor Baseball has teams for T-ball, U7, U9, U11 and U13 this season. Indoor practices have ended and teams will begin outdoor practices in May. Ripley will once again host the WOBA U9 Year End tournament in August.

Ripley Minor Soccer will have a U6 program, but due to lack of registration, will not have teams for U8 or U10. The Blastball program for 3 and 4 year olds, has 51 registrations. Soccer and Blastball begin in May.

Adult & Senior Programs

Community Services is working with the Point Clark Pickleball Volunteers fundraising for 6 new pickleball courts at the Point Clark Community Centre. A fundraising package has been created, and volunteers are reaching out to local businesses and organizations for support. The group has organized a Pickleball Tournament for August 17 at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre.

The Huron Lakeshore Friendship Club continues with weekly activities for seniors in Point Clark and are welcoming new members. Activities include jam sessions, crafting, shuffleboard and cards.

Community Events

A local resident has organized three Sunday Vendor Markets at the Point Clark Community Centre – June 22, July 20 and August 17. Staff is supporting this event with marketing on social media and the Community Events page on the Township's website.

Financial Impacts:

Within the current budget.

Performance Measurement:

N/A

Strategic Area:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Inclusive Growth | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Facilitate Community Well Being

Respectfully Submitted By: Elyse Dewar, Administrative Assistant/Program Coordinator

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer