



# The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

## Staff Report

**Report Title: Lucknow Kinsmen Support Requests 2025**

**Date: May. 5, 2025**

**Report Number: PW-2025-22**

**Department: Public Works**

**File Number: C11 PW 24**

**Prepared By: John Yungblut, Director of Public Works**

**Attachments: Super Pull Request Letter, MITF Request Email**

### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives Report PW2025-22 prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works;

AND FURTHER approves supporting the 2025 Lucknow Super Pull and 2025 Music in the Fields events as described in this report.

### **Background:**

#### 2025 Lucknow Super Pull

In 2023, the Dungannon Super Pull was relocated to the property known as Graceland, which is owned and operated by the Lucknow Kinsmen, except for several unopened road allowance that are owned by the Township.

This year's event is to take place at the same property from June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>. The Lucknow Kinsmen have sent the attached letter to Township staff requesting support. The requests are summarized below:

1. Permission to park vehicles at the Lucknow Soccer field
2. Waive municipal and permit fees, including landfill tipping fees
3. Four dump trucks and four truck drivers to haul garbage throughout the weekend
4. Rescue fire truck to lead parade and firefighters with a pumper truck for demolition derby
5. Grading and dust control on Washington St., the extension of Walter St. and the entrance to Graceland
6. Four sets of road barricades and four "Road Closed Local Traffic Only" signs

#### 2025 Music in the Fields

For many years, the Lucknow and District Kinsmen have operated a music festival know as Lucknow's Music in the Fields on the property known as Graceland.

Similar to previous years, the Lucknow Kinsmen are requesting support from the Township. The details are provided in the attached email and summarized below:

1. Temporarily restrict traffic on Walter St. and Washington St. from Aug. 21-24, 2025

2. The use of the Township's portable generator
3. Grading and dust control on the extension of Walter St. and the stage location
4. Four dump trucks and truck drivers to haul garbage throughout the weekend
5. Waive tipping fees
6. Large material removal after the event, such as mattresses and tables.

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

#### 2025 Lucknow Super Pull

Township staff have reviewed the requests and have the following responses:

1. The Township does not have the ability to permit the use of the Lucknow Soccer Fields for parking. Although Township staff don't have objections with this proposal, approval must come from the Lucknow Recreation Department. Organizers have been redirected.
2. Township staff recommend that we end the practice of waiving tipping fees for this event. With the increasing cost of waste disposal and the anticipate closure of the Huron Landfill in approximately ten years, it's important that we encourage reducing waste generation to all landfill customers. Community groups should be incentivized to participate in this goal by paying tipping fees for their events.

Building permit fees can't technically be waived, however, the fees can be funded by the Township. We cannot waive other fees such as environmental permit fees and fees from other regulatory agencies.

3. In previous years, we have been asked to provide two trucks and four drivers, so more trucks are now being requested. We presume this is a result of increased campsites and therefore, more waste will be generated.

This year we are able to provide two drivers and up to four trucks as needed.

4. The Lucknow & District Fire Department is able to provide the requested firefighters, rescue truck and pumper truck, however, in the event of an emergency that requires a full force response, the Fire Chief may have to redeploy these resources.
5. We don't see any issues with this grading and dust control request. It is the same service we provided in 2024.
6. We can provide four barricades that say either "Road Closed" or "Local Traffic Only". We also have two large road construction signs that say "Road Closed Local Traffic Only" that we can provide if necessary.

## 2025 Music in the Fields

Township staff have reviewed the requests and have the following responses:

1. No concerns. This is similar to previous years.
2. One 100kW generator can be provided, however, in an emergency the Township may need to retrieve it to service our water distribution system.
3. We can provide grading as needed and dust control.
4. We can provide the four trucks, but only two drivers are available to attend at this time.
5. Township staff recommend that we end the practice of waiving tipping fees for this event.
6. We don't have an issue with assisting with the removal of large objects, however, the Kinsmen should have measures in place to prevent large items from being left by campers. They were relatively successful in 2024, so we are willing to assist again in 2025.

### **Financial Impacts:**

The table below provides a breakdown of the assistance that Public Works has provided to the two Lucknow Kinsmen events since 2023. Dust control is a direct cost that is incurred and landfill fees are a loss in revenue. The provision of grading and trucking services are in kind support provide by Township staff and equipment.

<u>Description</u>	<u>2023 Super Pull</u>	<u>2024 Super Pull</u>
Dust Control	\$3,772	\$3,439
Grading	\$465	\$467
Trucking	\$1654	\$1,310
Landfill Tipping Fees	\$297 (2.58 tonnes)	\$322 (2.48 tonnes)
<b>Total Super Pull PW Costs</b>	<b>\$6,188</b>	<b>\$5,538</b>

<u>Description</u>	<u>2022 MITF</u>	<u>2023 MITF</u>	<u>2024 MITF</u>
Dust Control	\$4,872	\$5,306	\$5,466
Grading	\$460	\$465	\$0
Trucking	\$5,675	\$6,001	\$5,246
Landfill Tipping Fees	\$1,161 (11.06 tonnes)	\$1,429 (12.43 tonnes)	\$1,299 (11.3 tonnes)
<b>Total MITF PW Costs</b>	<b>\$12,168</b>	<b>\$13,201</b>	<b>\$12,011</b>

The Township also incurs additional costs for these events such as fire services, building permit fees and significant administrative staff time that are not included in these figures.

We anticipate slightly more trucking costs for the Super Pull event compared to last year as result of increased attendance and waste disposal.

**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:**

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

**Report Approved By:**

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer