



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: 2025 May Community Services Status Report

Date: May. 5, 2025

Report Number: CS-2025-17

Department: Community Services

File Number: C11

Prepared By: Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Attachments: Ripley Dog Park Map, Trail Sign Draft, Lakeshore Letter

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2025-17 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services.

Background:

Ripley Dog Park Update

Staff hosted a meeting with the Ripley Dog Park working group on April 23rd at 6pm.

Trails Signage Update

Staff have been working a sign designer and the RTO7 to develop the signs for all trails in Huron-Kinloss.

Lake Huron Shoreline Residents Letter

For clarification the Lake Huron Shoreline residents for this purpose are defined as those property owners that border onto the beach of Lake Huron and any property owner on the opposite side of the road.

Annual Community Engagement Meeting June 21

Staff are hosting the annual community engagement meeting with residents on June 18th at 7pm.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Ripley Dog Park Update

The proposed lay out on the map attached was acceptable by the working group with some minor modifications with the small dog area made smaller. Staff are coordinating some tree transplanting, if possible, with a local tree spade owner before the fencing is installed. There was discussion about a water line brought to the dog park costing an estimated \$5-\$7 thousand. It was determined that the water line is not feasible at this time. A dog waste dispenser will also be installed.

Trails Signage Update

The signage design nears completion for all Huron-Kinloss Trails. The RTO7 has tentatively approved grant funding for \$16 000 or half of the cost of the signs. Staff expect the final designs and approvals to be in place for a fall installation.

Lake Huron Shoreline Residents Letter

The annual lakeshore property owners letter has been updated to include information regarding the Golf Car Pilot project in addition to other lakeshore related issues. The letter will be direct mailed to all property owners defined above. The letter is attached.

Annual Community Engagement Meeting June 21

The annual community engagement meeting with residents on June 18th at 7pm is being held at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. The engagement meeting includes a short presentation from Municipal departments regarding updates for projects taking place in 2025, and an opportunity for residents to ask questions.

Financial Impacts:

Projects are included in the 2025 Capital or Operations budgets.

Performance Measurement:

Hosting an annual general community engagement meeting.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Encourage strong communication and community engagement

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer