



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: 2026 March Community Services Status Report

Date: Mar. 2, 2026

Report Number: CS-2026-08

Department: Community Services

File Number: C11 CS 26

Prepared By: Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Attachments: Map of Kin Bruce Park

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2026-08 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services.

Background:

Green Infrastructure Community Building Fund (GICB)

Staff applied to the GICB fund in 2024 to complete ice plant replacement, Addition to front of building, Arena Board Replacement, and selected HVAC conversion from Gas to Electric/Gas hybrid, and installation of 550 KW solar array.

Ontario Trillium Fund (OTF) Application for Point Clark Pickleball / Basketball Courts

Staff applied to the OTF for \$200 000 to construct the 6 court Pickleball / Basketball facility at the Point Clark Community Centre.

Zamboni Entrance Arena Board Liftgate Repaired

The springs on the Zamboni liftgate for the Arena Boards failed recently. Staff reacted quickly and cleared the alternate door at the north end of the building to exit and enter the ice surface for five days while awaiting the new spring installation.

Kin Bruce Park Tree Planting Partnership

Friends of Kin Bruce Park have proposed a tree planting project for 2026. The Friends propose twenty-five to thirty trees in the spring and then if all goes well another thirty or more trees could be planted in the fall.

Ripley-Huron Community Centre Electrical Panel

Staff tendered the replacement of the Main Electrical Panel in January of 2026. The electrical panel was included in the successful application to the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Funding (CSRIF) that was received in 2025.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Green Infrastructure Community Building Fund

Staff received a notification that the application was not successful.

Ontario Trillium Fund OTF Application for Point Clark Pickleball / Basketball Courts

The application is submitted and announcements for the OTF application occur in July 2026.

Zamboni Entrance Arena Board Liftgate Repaired

The new liftgate springs are installed, and the door is back in service. The cost was \$5000 and will be expensed in the 2026 building repairs and maintenance budget.

Kin Bruce Park Tree Planting Partnership

The spring plant will determine the type of soils and type of watering required for future reference. The variety of trees planted in the spring that survive will be a good indicator of what species to plant in the fall. It was hoped that a total of 75 trees, mostly deciduous of varying varieties, however only thirty trees will be planted in the spring, and another fall planting planned is dependent on the spring planting success.

The attached map identifies the species of each individual tree to plant, of which there are: 10 White Pine (WP) , 3 Red Bud (RB), 2 Service Berry (SB), 8 Red Maple (RM), 5 Red Oak(RO), 2 White Oak (WO) = 30 in total. Funding is being provided by grant applications submitted to OPG and Bruce Power by the Friends of Kin Bruce Park. The Friends of Kin Bruce Park will take responsibility for all planting and watering.

Ripley-Huron Community Centre Electrical Panel

The tendered results for the replacement of the Main Electrical Panel in January of 2026 include only one tender submission from Current Electric for \$65,561.00 plus HST. The budget in the CSRIF application was \$59 000.00. A reminder to Council that the CSRIF is 50% funding, and the balance is included in the 2026 capital budget. Staff expect savings in other components of the overall project to offset additional costs. We bring this forward for information purposes.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial impacts at this time.

Performance Measurement:

N/A

Strategic Area:

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

Strategic Goal: Protect, promote and restore our natural environment

Strategic Goal: Manage assets and infrastructure

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer