



Staff Report

Report Title: Pine River Watershed Initiative Network Water Monitoring Reports

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Department: Clerk's Department

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CLK-2021-04-35 prepared by Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk.

Background:

At the January 18, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting David Grant, President of the Pine River Watershed Initiative Network (PRWIN) attended to provide an overview of the group's projects and programming along with the challenges and future opportunities for the PRWIN.

One of the challenges PRWIN is facing is lack of funding partially due to the pandemic. At the meeting PRWIN explained that they were hopeful to have financial support of the Township going forward and that these funds are required to help cover operating costs.

To help reduce the group's costs, the Committee questioned if there was an opportunity to work with BMRoss with the water monitoring as they provide water monitoring reports to the Township.

Discussion:

PRWIN has one major funding program for 2021, The Canada Ontario Agreement (COA). The COA objective with PRWIN is to improve water quality within the Pine River Watershed and Lake Huron nearshore through the reduction in nutrients and bacteria entering the Pine River. The COA funding agreement with the Government of Ontario, under section 3.3 requires PRWIN to complete water quality and flow monitoring for both

ambient and storm weather conditions by contracting these services out to the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority.

This is a condition of the agreement and therefore would not permit PRWIN to work with BMRoss for water quality monitoring at this time.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial impacts with this report.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone by being open and transparent.

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment; By protecting our natural assets; By using our resources wisely; and by being aware and taking responsibility.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer