



Staff Report

Report Title: CS – March 2021 Report

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Department: Community Services

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Attachments: Snow Sculpture and DIY backyard rink photos

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives the information provided in Report Number CS-2021-03-6 prepared by Maggie Young Programming & Administration.

Background:

The Community Services Department plans and implements programming and events throughout the calendar year including the Winter Carnival, Summer Sports minor baseball and soccer, the Wolf Cub Adventure Camp and the Ripley Food Art Craft Festival.

Discussion:

The 2021 Winter Carnival was quite different this year. Due to the current COVID-19 provincial orders, staff implemented new family friendly events and activities, with a focus on staying close to home.

This year's event included a Snow Sculpture Contest, DIY Backyard Rink contest and a Scavenger Hunt. Judges from The Lucknow Chamber of Commerce, Ripley Business Community, Lucknow Lancers, Ripley Wolves, RVilla and the Huron Shores Lions graciously provided their time and great prizes for these contests. The Scavenger Hunt had 4 entries, the Snow Sculpture Contest had 12 entries and the DIY Backyard Rink had 16 entries. Photos of winners are attached.

Considering the interest in the events, staff plan to consider adding these activities to the annual event and continue to expand the scope of the Winter Carnival.

Staff, and the Summer Sports Committee, continue to optimistically plan for the 2021 Summer Sports season. Staff are also planning for the Ripley Food Art Craft Festival and Summer Camp. Registration for all three are now open and planning for all possible scenarios for each program and event continue despite the ongoing pandemic.

Financial Impacts:

None at this time.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are a prosperous community that continues to grow in a sustainable manner
By growing a diversity of tourism opportunities

We are a vibrant community that values our uniqueness and creativity
By supporting and growing the arts and creativity

We are a spirited community that takes pride in calling Huron-Kinloss home and welcoming others
By supporting a diversity of lifestyles
By engaging in our community
By retaining our youth

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer