



Staff Report

Report Title: Beach Management By-Law to Regulate Beaches

Prepared By: Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Department: Community Services

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Attachments: Draft Beach Management By-Law, signage

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number CS-2020-04-23 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services AND approves the Beach Management By-law subject to Ministry of Natural Resources approval in principle AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate by-law coming forward.

Background:

The Township of Huron-Kinloss has maintained a beach management agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) since 2009-2019. The MNR has recommended that an agreement is not required and that any by-law regarding the MNR land or Lakeshore beaches be circulated to MNR and approved in principle only.

Historically past agreements with the MNR included motorized vehicles, invasive species control, sand dune and dune grass protection, litter, stoop/scoop, fireworks, fires, and other general maintenance activities.

Discussion:

A Beach Management By-law is attached for review.

The new By-law is not introducing any new regulations, but rather consolidating previously individual regulations, or MNR Agreement into one By-law

The Beach management By-law is an all-inclusive municipal document that addresses the municipal environmental, and safety concerns regarding lakeshore

management. The attached By-law provides by-law enforcement the necessary tools in the circumstances when education is not enough.

Staff has also designed signage to be posted on the beach access points to notify beach goers of the regulations. They will be posted on the narrow beach access with one sign at road and one sign at lakeside with 911 address. The MNR supported the signage.

Financial Impacts:

None at this time.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment.

By protecting our natural assets

By using our resources wisely

By being aware and taking responsibility

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mike Fair, Director of Community Services.

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer