



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Status Report – May 2021 Community Services

Prepared By: Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Department: Community Services

Date: May. 3, 2021

Report Number: CS-2021-05-27

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number CS2021-05-27 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services and authorizes entering into a memorandum of understanding with the Huron Shores Lions Club AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate by-law come forward.

Background:

Report to Follow

Discussion:

Lighthouse Tower Camera

The initial steps have been taken to install a camera at the top of the Point Clark Lighthouse overlooking the Lake Huron shoreline. This project has been considered for many years now. It is anticipated that all project costs will be covered by grants, donations, or sponsorship. The township economic development staff and Hurontel have been working with Community Services staff and Hurontel has donated a camera so far at this time. The cat6 cable has been installed to the top of the tower and anticipate public viewing by late May. The imagery will be made available for the public around the world, or around the corner to view the sunsets and images of Lake Huron at its best, and on those days at its worst!

Volunteer Apple Tree Trimmer

Staff would like to thank Bill Smith for pruning the Apple trees at the entrance of the apple rail trail beside the soccer fields in Ripley. Volunteers like Bill certainly make our community a better place!

Ripley-Huron Community Centre Snack Bar

Staff has solicited three quotes for the supply and installation of the new cupboards for the snack bar. The following quotes were received: M.S. Yungblut, Precision Cabinetry, and Dan Kelly Custom Cabinetry. Staff recommends the lowest quote from MS Yungblut for \$10,544.37.

Point Clark Lighthouse and Parks Canada update

Staff have been working with Parks Canada staff regarding the abandoned well, and the oil-fired heating system. The abandoned well will be decommissioned. The oil-fired heating system will be replaced with a heat pump and air handler. In the past staff have solicited quotes on behalf of Parks Canada, Parks Canada selects the contractor with a recommendation, then Community Services staff work with the contractor, make the payment, and Parks Canada reimburses the township. The process is much more cost effective for everyone involved.

Huron Shores Lions Club Beach Accessibility Matts proposal

The Huron Shores Lions Club are applying for a grant for accessible matts for the Point Clark Beach, providing access to shoreline for wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers. The request is for a letter of support for the grant, and if successful then requesting staff to install in the spring, sweep weekly as required, remove in the fall and storage for the winter months. The proposal letter is attached. Staff is confident installation, removal, and storage on an annual basis is achievable. Weekly maintenance is already completed at the park area and would become an extension of those duties for staff. Staff recommends providing support to this proposal.

Huron Shores Lions Club Flower Bed Proposal

The Huron Shores Lions Club is proposing to install a raised flower bed at Lions Park estimated at four feet by 16 feet in length. The club is requesting an outside tap, removal of bags of weeds, and mulch from time to time. The Lions members will install and maintain otherwise. Staff supports the proposal; however, staff recommends that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) be implemented for clear understanding of commitments in the future as outlined in the proposal. The MOU is attached.

Tree Canada Grant

Staff applied for a \$10 000 tree Canada Grant to leverage the existing \$5000 in the 2021 budget. The grant was unsuccessful.

Surplus Olympia on Gov Deals result

The 2009 Olympia sold on Gov Deals for \$16 729.65, as a result after fees and taxes the Huron-Kinloss revenue is \$14 100.00 and will be used to offset the cost of replacement in the 2021 budget. Gov Deals worked well since trade-in values were \$8 000.00.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial impacts outside of regular operations in this report.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are a prosperous community that continues to grow in a sustainable manner
By investing in infrastructure

We are a vibrant community that values our uniqueness and creativity.
By creating places where people want to be

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

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

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer