



Staff Report

Report Title: Parks and Facilities Update

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Department: Community Services

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives the information provided in Report Number CS-2021-05-26 prepared by Matt McClinchey, Parks and Facilities Supervisor.

Background:

The Community Services Department operates and maintains various facilities, parks, and trails in the Township throughout the calendar year.

Discussion:

Vandalism in the parks and trails continues to be an issue. Staff continue to work with the O.P.P. in efforts to control these issues. Staff departments are working cohesively on providing education and awareness to Huron Kinloss Residents. Various forms of communication are being developed to deliver our message.

Staff continue to register facilities for the service of natural gas to our Township. Site visits with EPCOR reps have been conducted in Point Clark at the community center with visits to Ripley and Lucknow facilities to follow.

As per public health regulations playgrounds remain open but sports-fields, tennis courts, basketball courts and pavilions are closed. Appropriate signage and barriers have been placed to help residents understand and comply with provincial regulations. Staff are making sure the parks and trails are in good condition following the winter. Duties such as sweeping, rolling, brush cleanup, and collecting beach debris have been ongoing.

Staff continue to work with contractors on the planning and pricing of the renovations to the arena snack bar and Point Clark Community center washrooms.

The Ripley YMCA daycare will be receiving a new heat pump unit to replace the faulty existing unit. Staff were presented with the option of replacing a faulty circuit board or replacing the existing heat pump. Cost for either option was \$3000 plus installation, so the decision was made to replace the heat pump entirely. This will allow compatibility for any future heat system replacements.

Facility and park inspections were completed for the month of April. Minor repairs and maintenance were documented, and repairs have been scheduled.

Interviews for summer parks students were conducted and hires were made. Four summer students have been hired with a fifth hire pending. Online safety training has been issued with practical training to begin May 4th. Students will be taking part in flower watering, sports-field maintenance, grass cutting and various other landscaping duties through out the township.

Financial Impacts:

The \$3000 cost was unexpected and not included in the 2021 budget.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

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

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

By using our resources wisely

Respectfully Submitted By:

Matt McClinchey, Facility and Parks Supervisor

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer