



Staff Report

Report Title: Parks and Facilities Update – July 2021

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Department: Community Services

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Attachments: Beach Access Map, Beach Access Sign, Attawandaron Trail, Green Acres Trail, Point Clark Generator

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2021-07-35 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:

Staff have placed signage at eight beach access' along Huron Road, Victoria Road and Lakeside Trail. The goal of the signage is to clearly mark official beach access points and to educate users of the rules of the beach. The signs are located both at the roadside and the beach side. 911 numbers will be placed at each sign to assist with emergency situations. Attached is a map of these completed signs and a photo of what they look like.

Restoration of the Attawandaron nature trail is well under way and is expected to be completed by summer's end. Wood chips and fallen logs are being used to build a walking trail and border (see attached photo).

Leveling and widening of the Green Acres nature trail has been completed. Staff spread gravel in the low-lying areas and cleaned away over-growth from the walking path. This trail is now safer for its users (see attached photo).

Improvements to parks and outdoor spaces have continued as summer progresses. Flowers, trees, and hanging baskets have been placed around Ripley and are being watered everyday. A decaying playground border at Victoria Park in Lucknow has been removed and repaired. As well, a small patch of tennis court fencing has been repaired. Portable washrooms have been placed at several locations along the lakeshore and parks. Additional maintenance, lining and grooming has been completed at the sports-fields in Ripley, Point Clark and Reid's Corners to accommodate the start of summer sports.

Contractor renovations are underway at township facilities. A new natural gas compatible generator has been installed at the Point Clark Community Center (see attached picture). Washroom renovations to the community center are well under way with the installation of new non-slip, safety flooring completed. The North facing interior walls have also been removed for the purpose of adding electrical, plumbing and spray foam insulation.

New safety flooring has been completed as part of the Ripley Huron Community Center snack bar renovation. This flooring is non-slip and grease resistant. Painting is under way and new cabinetry is to follow as summer progresses. The colour scheme for the snack bar consists of neutral greys and whites.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial impacts related to this report.

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.

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

By protecting our natural assets

By being aware and taking responsibility

Respectfully Submitted By:

Matt McClinchey, Park and Facilities Supervisor

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer