



Staff Report

Report Title: Climate Change Advancing Adaptation Project

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Department: Community Services

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Attachments: Project Brochure

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number CS2021-08-41 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services AND authorizes participation in the Climate Change Advancing Adaptation Project.

Background:

With financial support from the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) alongside financial support of the Government of Canada through the federal Department of Environment and Climate Change Canada, ICLEI Canada is working to increase climate change resilience within Ontario municipalities. Over a 10- to 18-month period, ICLEI will engage up to 40 Ontario communities in three different cohorts aimed at building capacity on adaptation assessment, planning, and implementation.

The project brochure attached.

Discussion:

Given that Huron-Kinloss completed the Climate Change Energy Plan just last year, this would be a great fit to advance some of the work in that plan. Staff has two possible proposals to create a local online climate change resource center, and or creating / developing a neighbour helping neighbour community-based Lakeshore erosion control strategy.

In this cohort, Huron-Kinloss would receive up to \$15,000 of funding to support and design and implementation of a specific intervention (funding must be matched by the municipality through a combination of cash and in-kind support). Throughout

the 18-months, ICLEI Canada will support Huron-Kinloss in identifying and selecting adaptation interventions, defining implementation plans, designing monitoring, and evaluation frameworks, and ultimately assisting with overcoming barriers and seizing opportunities throughout the process. Estimated time commitment of approximately 25 working days over an 18-month period.

Staff propose that the funding is an opportunity to move the Climate Change energy plan forward with no costs except staff time up to twenty five working days.

Financial Impacts:

No financial impacts other than staff time.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

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

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone.

By being open and transparent

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