



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Lakeshore Environmental Status Report**

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**Department: Community Services**

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**Attachments: Photos (6)**

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2021-09-46 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services AND authorizes the excess lumber be declared surplus.

### **Background:**

The Jardine Creek outlet to Lake Huron has been slightly clogged for a few years with the high lake levels. Staff contacted the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority and received approval for a minor cleanout without any permit, under strict conditions since the lake level has receded this year. Elliott Construction was supervised during the cleanout. A photo of the completed work is attached.

The new five-foot-wide beach access located between 145 and 147 Huron Road is now complete. The budget was \$10 000.00, and the total project cost was just under \$20 000.00, due to increased materials cost, and underestimating by staff. Photos are attached.

The beach access also had a surplus of lumber that was purchased directly from the sawmill. The new value of the lumber was \$1.50 per foot. Total value of excess lumber is \$1,000.00. Staff recommend to surplus the rough-cut cedar lumber using the surplus policy, and circulate to all staff, and Council with a minimum bid of \$1.50 per foot for the 1X6, and the 2X4 lumber. Any funds from the surplus lumber would assist in decreasing the deficit for the project. Photos of the lumber are attached.

The Lake Huron Coastal Centre for Conservation requested permission to restore the dunes just north of the Volleyball nets and Lighthouse Park. The dune restoration project will take place this fall removing invasive plants and planting native dune

grass with the assistance of volunteers. Signage will be erected acknowledging the benefits of dune formation.

**Discussion:**

Staff seek approval to surplus the lumber at this time.

**Financial Impacts:**

The beach access project will have a projected \$9,000.00 deficit, however staff will review at year end and anticipating other projects will either not be completed or come in under budget.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone.

By having amenities and services nearby

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