



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Community Services March Status Report

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Department: Community Services

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Attachments: Map of proposed Coastie Sites, Coastie image, photos of damaged trees, photo of Lake Range and Concession 2, photo damaged mural

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2022-03-16 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Background:

Report to follow.

Discussion:

New Coastline Monitoring Coast Snap Program partnership with University of Windsor

The fluctuating lake levels, change in storm frequency and magnitude, and declining ice coverage are threats to the resiliency of our coastlines over the coming decades. The University of Windsor has requested coastline municipalities to participate in a program that installs a post or photo stand that provides a view for anyone to take a photo of the same coastline area and upload the photo to a database.

The University of Windsor will cover the cost of the stands and will provide access to all imagery and an annual report of observed changes. The locations of photo stands are indicated on the map attached. The continual photographic monitoring allows coastal managers and researchers to create a time lapse series of erosion and recovery processes, furthering the understanding on the coastal dynamics at each "coastie" location. The commitment from the Township is to install the stands in the sand at the six locations along the shoreline.

Boiler Beach Tree Vandalism

On February 11th, 2022, it was reported to staff that approximately thirty-five trees were girdled on Boiler Beach directly west of the Heritage Road and Boiler Beach intersection. Girdling is the loss of a strip of bark from around a branch or the trunk (as seen attached). The OPP were contacted, and staff met OPP on Saturday February 12th, 2022. The OPP determined that destroying or damaging property is a criminal act called Mischief. The maximum penalty for mischief, upon conviction, is two years in jail. The South Bruce OPP is requesting anyone with information to call 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit a secure web-tip at www.cstip.ca where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

Ripley History Murals Damaged

The decorative Ripley History Murals downtown on Queen Street Ripley has been vandalized twice in the last three weeks. The OPP have been notified and are investigating.

Crawford Loggers Ash and Hazard Tree removal

Crawford Loggers are finishing the Clark Creek parcel, and the Green Acres Trail ash tree removal parcels. The Lake Range and concession two parcels are completed and awaiting log removal. Several local landowners have expressed appreciation for notifications, and information provided regarding the Ash tree project. Several adjacent landowners have also expressed interest in re-planting the parcels of land in the future. Staff will be reviewing the ash tree parcels with the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority staff in the spring of 2022 to determine preparation needs for replanting in the spring of 2023. Photos of Lake Range parcel are attached.

Financial Impacts:

None at this time.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

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