



Staff Report

Report Title: Community Services – Programming March 2022

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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 for information Report Number CS-2022-03-27, prepared by Maggie Young, Program Coordinator & Administration.

Background:

The Community Services Department plans and implements annual programming and events such as fitness classes, the Winter Carnival, Wolf Cub Adventure Camp, minor soccer and baseball and the Ripley Food Art Craft Festival.

Discussion:

An 8-week Spin Class program has been scheduled to begin on Wednesday, March 23rd at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. This program will run until Wednesday, May 11th.

Staff are working on finalizing plans to host two Pickleball Clinics in the spring and summer. Clinics will be geared towards both beginner, and intermediate, Pickleball players. The first clinic will be held indoors in April at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre, and a second clinic in the summer outdoors, at the Point Clark Community Centre Pickleball courts.

The annual Winter Carnival was held mostly virtual this year due to the uncertainty of facility and gathering restrictions at the time of planning. Staff implemented the DIY Backyard Rink Contest, Snow Sculpture Contest and a Scavenger Hunt that were successful in 2021. At the time of report submission, staff were gathering registrants' submissions to be judged. A big thank you to those who have volunteered to judge

submissions and provide prizes: Ripley Wolves, Lucknow Lancers, Rosewood RVilla Senior Living, Lucknow Chamber of Commerce, Ripley Business Community & the Huron Shores Lions Club. The Ripley Lions graciously sponsored a public skate on the Friday, February 18th. Unfortunately, due to the weather on Saturday, February 19th the Public Skate sponsored by the Ripley Agricultural Society had to be postponed. It has been rescheduled for Friday, March 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Registration has begun for the 2022 Wolf Cub Adventure Camp, Summer Sports programs and Ripley Food Art Craft Festival. Registration for the Wolf Cub Adventure Camp is filling up quickly with Week 1 currently at 24 registrants, Week 2 at 29 registrants, Week 3 at 25 registrants and Week 4 at 26 registrants. Camp has a maximum of 30 registrants per week.

Summer sports registration is open until March 31st. The Summer Sports Committee will be meeting on Thursday, March 3rd to plan for the season.

The Ripley Food Art Craft Festival, scheduled for Saturday, August 20th has 8 vendors currently registered. Staff will be working on advertising for this event in the coming months.

Financial Impacts:

None at this time.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are a prosperous community that continues to grow in a sustainable manner
By growing a diversity of tourism opportunities

We are a vibrant community that values our uniqueness and creativity
By creating places where people want to be
By celebrating what makes us unique
By supporting and growing the arts and creativity

We are a spirited community that takes pride in calling Huron-Kinloss home
By supporting a diversity of lifestyles
By maintaining a sense of connection and cohesion with each other
By engaging in our community
By retaining our youth

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer