



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Director May Status Report**

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**Department: Community Services**

**Date: May. 2, 2022**

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### **Attachments:**

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2022-05-35 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services.

### **Background:**

Report to follow.

### **Discussion:**

#### **Community Services major Projects Update**

The Ripley-Huron Community Centre Dressing Room renovation, Roofing project, and Flooring project tenders have been released to the public and staff are awaiting submissions. The deadline for submissions is May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The Parks and Recreation Master plan has also been released for tender and staff are awaiting submissions. The deadline for submission is May 4<sup>th</sup> as well.

All tender submissions will be evaluated, and recommendations brought forward to the May 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

#### **Summer Student Update**

Parks now has five summer students starting Monday May 2, 2022, including Hanna Jubinville, Kailey Paquette, Maxine Trepanier, Sadie Pollock, and Allison Pope. The planned summer student compliment is six students. We have had some high school

applicants but prefer students who are available May thru to end of August. Staff will evaluate the workload to determine a plan forward for any additional staff required.

### **Ash Tree Project update**

This project is almost completed. There is remedial work for clean-up required in some of the project areas. Crawford loggers have indicated that over one-thousand ash and hazard trees have been removed. The Huron Road residents with ash trees felled on the municipal property between the residents property and the lakeshore have been assisting with tree tops removal / wood stacking. Staff anticipate the clean-up to be completed by end of June 2022. Tree planting partners include the Nimrod Club beside Green Acres Trail, and several residents that are backing onto the parcels of land that have had ash trees removed. The Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority will be assisting with future tree planting recommendations for the nine parcels cleared of ash trees and the 2023 spring planting plan.

### **Boiler Beach Tree planting update**

The Boiler beach tree planting project has been successful to date. Two education webinars hosted by the Lake Huron Coastal Centre partnership was attended by over sixty individuals. One thousand native trees and shrubs were planted along the boiler beach shoreline. Species included tamarack, juniper, spruce, Larch, oak, service berry, dogwood, and sumac, and various cedar varieties.

Over seventy people volunteered for the tree planting of over one thousand trees. The plantings will mitigate future shoreline erosion along Boiler beach road to protect the road infrastructure itself. The plantings will also preserve the pristine sand beaches for future generations by preventing sand migration from the beaches onto and across the road onto private property.

An invasive species removal workshop is planned for June to remove invasive species along this section of shoreline. The residents and volunteers should be commended for their contribution.

### **Queens Jubilee Tree Planting**

Two English Oak trees will be planted to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the Queen's Green Canopy reforestation initiative throughout the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. Trees have been donated by local resident Richard Christy. One tree will be planted at the Whitechurch Hall property, and the second tree planted at the Point Clark Lighthouse property. Staff is coordinating the planting the third week of May and invite any Council to attend. The tentative date is Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 1:00 pm in Whitechurch and 2:15 at the Lighthouse.

### **Financial Impacts:**

All the projects are included in the 2022 budget.

**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