



## Staff Report

**Report Title: September 2022 Community Services Status Report**

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**Department: Community Services**

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### **Attachments:**

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#### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number CS-2020-09-53 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services.

#### **Background:**

##### Women in Carpentry Project

The women in carpentry have agreed to build a small (10X12) storage shed for baseball equipment located east of the Ripley Diamond.

##### Natural Gas conversions

Natural gas conversions will be occurring this winter and spring. Costs could exceed \$150 000.00.

##### Community Services Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The consultants PRC solutions have been working over the last few months to complete the master plan.

##### Ripley-Huron Community Centre Renovations Domm Construction

The renovations were scheduled for early September.

## **Discussion:**

### Women in Carpentry Project

The women in carpentry have agreed to build a small (10X12) storage shed for the Ripley Diamond. The steel sided and steel roof building would be used for pitching machines, and assorted baseball equipment. All building materials are supplied except one 36-40 inch steel door and code lock for a secure access and a cement pad. The proposed shed would be ideally located at the northeast corner of the existing pavillion.

### Natural Gas conversions

Natural gas conversions will be starting in the spring of 2023. Costs could exceed \$150 000.00, and staff propose to issue a request for proposal RFP for the conversions at all Municipal facilities. The conversions would include costs for simple conversion kits, piping, in addition to alternate types of HVAC replacements such as heat pumps if deemed appropriate and provide cost savings for operations of buildings. The RFP will assist in development of the budget.

### Community Services Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The consultants PRC solutions have been working over the last few months to complete the master plan. The key directions report for the Master Plan will be presented to the public on Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. The final Master Plan is on schedule to be presented to Council at the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting. The funding is included in the 2022 budget.

### Ripley-Huron Community Centre Renovations Domm Construction

The renovations were scheduled for early September. Domm anticipates construction starting later in September 2022 upon receipt of final drawings and permits. The renovations (\$630 000.00) are included in the 2022 budget and offset by a \$500 000.00 trillium grant.

## **Financial Impacts:**

A funding proposal for the cost of a steel door, and a cement pad will be brought forward in the 2023 budget. Based on the results of the RFP, the funding for natural gas conversions will be brought forward in the 2023 budget. There is \$165,452.00 in reserve that was earmarked for conversions to natural gas that was generated from the municipal franchise payment.

## **Strategic Alignment / Link:**

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

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