



Municipality of Central Huron  
Monthly Report  
Administration Dept.  
For the Month of: April 2023

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**Date:** April 24, 2023  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Angela Smith, Community Improvement Coordinator

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St. Anne's Clean up  
OBIAA award  
Tourism Summit

#### New Businesses

Small Town Paralegal has opened on Isaac Street. Welcome to Hayley Bettles. Made In Huron Artisan Market has moved to Albert Street under a new name and ownership. It is now Huron Artisan Market. Welcome to the group of ladies that have taken ownership and kept open a valued business.

#### CH Gift Card

The gift card program had a very successful launch. Physical cards can be purchased in downtown stores. Digital gift cards can be purchased online at <https://cchbia.ca/giftcard> Over 70 businesses in Central Huron are participating in the program. All are welcome and more businesses can be added at any time by reaching out to Angela. This entire program was sponsored by Community Futures Huron.

#### Mayor's Mingle 2023

Approved by council to hold the event on Sunday June 23 at the raceway.

#### Mural

Mural design was approved by the group. Huron County will arrange for artist contracts and starting dates. Students that provided the design ideas will work with the artist to paint the mural.

#### EDCO

We were recognized at the annual awards ceremony with two awards. We won first place for the Shoppability Project for accessibility and second place for the Historic Walking Tour.

Huron County Tourism Summit

Being held in Central Huron April 24<sup>th</sup> to provide tourism operators with an opportunity to share and learn,

#### Team Central Huron

Created a wayfinding report to review signage. Made a preliminary budget around project suggestions.

#### Shoppability Project

Ramps have been ordered for all core businesses that have a step, from The Stop Gap Foundation, paid for by a Rural Tourism Ontario 4 grant.

#### Isaac Street Reconstruction

Parkette discussions have continued and a sculpture and lighting will be investigated for the space, rather than a fountain.

#### Downtown Flower Pots

The flower pots will be replaced with self watering versions. They require significantly less labour as they are watered weekly or every two weeks (for ground pots) rather than daily, and hanging baskets are watered twice a week instead of daily.

#### SLED Grants 2023

BIA SLED application was for a student/community project to paint and animate murals in the downtown. Central Huron application for SLED funding for the Destination Central Huron projects.

#### Remembrance Day Banners

Reviewed all banners for deterioration. Formal report to discuss future plans for the program follows.

Dec 1	Thursday Tunes
Dec 5-7	Off
Dec 9	Blade Signs & Grab Bars
Dec 13	HC EcDev
Dec 14	Gift Card Training
Dec 14	Accessibility mtgs
Dec 20	Gift Card Training
Dec 22	Thursday Tunes

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