

Staff Report

To: Mayor Bazinet and Members of Council
Report From: Jessica Clapp, Asset Management and Environmental Services Coordinator
Meeting Date: March 17, 2025
Subject: Legion Café 'Wake Up Wednesday's' Environmental Speaker Series

Recommendation:

THAT Goderich Town Council receive the Legion Café 'Wake Up Wednesday's' Environmental Speaker Series scheduled during April/May 2025, endorsed by the Environment Committee, for information.

Report Summary:

At the March 10, 2025 regular meeting of the Environment Committee, the below motion was passed:

Moved by: Con Melady

Seconded by: Barry Ward

That the Environment Committee receive this report for information;

And that the Committee endorse the Legion Café Wake-Up Wednesday's Environmental Speaker Series schedule over an eight-week period during April and May 2025;

And That Committee members be allocated for each date to introduce each guest speaker;

And That the Committee allocate budget funds for the travel and accommodations for guest speakers traveling outside of Huron County and advertise the Speaker Series in the local community.

CARRIED

A community-wide environmental speaker series has been scheduled during the months of April and May 2025 over an eight-week period, to be held at the Goderich Legion during their Café Wake Up Wednesday's. Dates, guest speakers and environmental topics are found in the chart below.

Background/Analysis:

A community-wide environmental speaker series has been scheduled during the months of April and May 2025 over an eight-week period, to be held at the Goderich Legion during their Café Wake Up Wednesday's (start time, 9:00 am). The Town of Goderich will be advertising the speaker series through the newspaper, on the municipal website and social media platforms, as well as through Goderich Tourism's social media platforms. The Goderich Legion will also be

creating its own social media poster about the speaker series. Each guest speaker will be introduced by a member of the Environment Committee on their allocated presentation date.

DATE	TIME	TOPIC	GUEST SPEAKER (Name/Title)
April 2, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Species at Risk	Nicole Andreola , Biologist/Stewardship Coordinator, <i>County of Huron</i>
April 9, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Native Trees/Plants and Biodiversity	Marisa Roefs , Stewardship Projects Lead, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
April 16, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Goderich Cycling Without Age Program	Gerry O'Brien , <i>Goderich Cycling Without Age</i>
April 23, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Food Waste; Municipal Organics Program	Diana Aquino , Municipal Relations Manager, Environmental Division, <i>Walker Industries</i>
April 30, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Blue Box Program Producer Responsibility	Jillian Simmons , HR/Communications Manager, <i>Blewater Recycling Association</i>
May 7, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Climate Change and Air Quality	Lauren Hayward , Physician Consultant, <i>Huron Perth Public Health</i>
May 14, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Coastal Land Use Planning	Daniela Klicper , Coastal Specialist, <i>Maitland Valley Conservation Authority</i>
May 21, 2025	9:00 a.m.	Climate Change and Energy Conservation	Derry Wallis , Climate Change and Energy Specialist, <i>County of Huron</i>

Linkages:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #5: Environmental Stewardship

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

The financial impact associated with this report includes the costs for travel and accommodations funded through the Environment Committee budget.

Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk