

United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Municipal Council

Type of Decision

Meeting Date	January 14, 2016				Report Date	January 12, 2016			
Decision Required		Yes	X	No	Priority		High	x	Low
Direction		Information Only		X	Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

REPORT TITLE

Administrative Assistant's Report – Information Only # 14/01/16/803

Healthy Kids Community Challenge /Physical Activity Equipment Lending Hub
Meeting Thursday December 3rd 1 p.m. Travelodge Pembroke

The Healthy Kids Community Challenge is;

- a Ministry of Health and Long Term Care funded initiative
- a community-led program where partners from different sectors work together to implement sustainable activities, programs and policies to reduce and prevent childhood overweight and obesity

On December 3rd I travelled to Pembroke to a Healthy Kids Meeting to discuss a physical activity equipment lending hub. The County of Renfrew is eligible for up to \$825,000 in funding for the period of April 1, 2015 until March 31, 2018. The Healthy Kids Team is currently gathering information to assess individual community needs and how to best use funding.

The goal is to create physical activity equipment lending hubs throughout Renfrew County which will provide access to equipment to everyone in the community as well as those visiting. This would be beneficial to families in the community who cannot afford to purchase equipment or do not have the means to put their children into the sports programs in our neighbouring communities. Structured and scheduled sports are greatly beneficial to children but can be impracticable in our area because of the scheduled times, travel and cost. Having a lending hub would allow access to a variety of equipment at all times.

There has been a lot of discussion of how it would work and the two biggest ideas are:

- 1) having the lending hub operate the same way as our library system with a card and tracking system
- 2) using a swipe pass attached the lending hub building

There is still a lot of discussion to be had with the Healthy Kids Team and more information to come.

We have already begun something similar in HCM with Pickle ball and the basketball net being available for use by the community. Do we continue with Healthy Kids or on our own with Recreation Committee? The Physical Activity Equipment Lending Hub Proposal provides more information and gives an idea of what our requirements and obligations as a municipality would be. Any input is appreciated.