



Community Services *Staff Report*

REPORT NO: CS-2024-10

TO: Council

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DATE: May 27, 2024

SUBJECT: Castle Kilbride Summary of Activities 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report CS-2024-10 regarding Castle Kilbride Activities for 2023, be received for information purposes.

SUMMARY:

The attached summary outlines events and activities that took place at Castle Kilbride in 2023.

BACKGROUND:

Community Services staff report to Council on Castle Kilbride activities on an annual basis.

REPORT:

Castle Kilbride is gradually returning to pre-pandemic levels and offered a full slate of events in 2023. Of note, was the return of “Ghost Walks” which sold out for all 10 evenings, tea and tours, Christmas at the Castle as well as the always popular Castle Concert Series.

As outlined in the attachment, filming production activities also took place at the Castle which increased further presence in the community and beyond.

Additional events, activities and statistics are also outlined in the attachment.

ALIGNMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT STRATEGIC PLAN:

The information contained within this report align with the Strategic Plan goals of:

- Quality of Life through Recreation and Leisure Opportunities
- Quality of Life through Arts, Culture & Heritage
- Community Engagement through Community Events

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Annual reporting on activities at this National Historic Site is a pre-requisite for the Township receiving funding under the Canadian Museum Operating Grant (CMOG). For the past several years Castle Kilbride operations have been supported with a grant of over \$16,600.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Castle Kilbride 2023 Year End Review
2. 2024 Castle Kilbride Presentation to Council