



Regular Council Meeting – November 1, 2021

November 2021

Update on South Bruce Nuclear Exploration Project

At the November 1st meeting, Council received an update from representatives of the Municipality of South Bruce and the Nuclear Waste Management Organization regarding the South Bruce Nuclear Exploration Project.

Schedule of 2022 Regular Meetings of Council

Council approved the 2022 Schedule for Regular Meetings of Council and directed for the schedule to be posted. The 2022 schedule will be available on the “Council, Committees and Boards Meeting Schedules” page on the Township’s new website.

Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Council received Special Event requests from both the Blyth Legion and Wingham Legion to hold Remembrance Day Ceremonies in 2021. Council authorized for both ceremonies to proceed as requested, subject to compliance with COVID-19 protocols. Council acknowledges the courage and sacrifice of those who served our country and acknowledge our responsibility to work for the peace they fought hard to achieve.

Santa Claus Parades

Council received Special Event requests from both the Wingham Lions Club and the Blyth Community Betterment Committee for the 2021 Santa Claus Parades. Council supported the requests and has waived the fees associated with the road closure, barricades, and North Huron staff resources. The Wingham Santa Claus Parade will be held on Saturday, November 27th at 11:00am and the Blyth Santa Claus Parade will be held on Saturday, December 11th at 11:00am.

Appointment of Director of Finance/Treasurer

Council appointed Darcy Chapman as the new Director of Finance/Treasurer. His technical skills and experience in areas of asset management, budget control, risk management and mitigation, financial analysis, long term forecasting and internal control and compliance will assist North Huron moving forward.

Special Council Meeting – November 10, 2021

Information Technology Service Delivery Review – Final Report

At the November 10th meeting, Council received the final report for the Information Technology Service Delivery Review conducted by A&A Ward Consulting and Associates. Council is hopeful that the findings of this review can be incorporated into the long-term planning and modernization of Information Technology services for the Township.

Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan – Presentation of Key Directions

A representative from Monteith Brown Planning Consultants was in attendance to present the key directions of the parks, recreation and culture master plan to Council prior to receiving public feedback. Residents are invited to review a summary of the draft plan and are encouraged to provide their feedback before it is finalized and presented to Council. The feedback period is open until November 25, 2021.

Blyth Campground Pilot Project Year-End Update

Council received an end-of-season update on the outcome of the enhancements made to the Blyth Campground that occurred to attract more campers to the facility. Council deferred a decision regarding the future of the Blyth Campground until the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan has been completed.

North Huron Museum Proposal

Council further discussed the proposal for the potential relocation of the museum to the former train station building that was originally presented by the Museum Committee at the October 18th meeting. Council accepted the proposal of the Museum Committee and directed staff to proceed with next steps.

Regular Council Meeting – November 15, 2021

Wingham Columbus Centre Request to Reduce Annual Contribution

At the November 15th meeting, Council received a request from the Wingham Columbus Centre to reduce annual contribution amounts toward utilities and operating costs of the facility due to COVID-19. Council directed staff to establish a joint committee with the Board of Directors of the Wingham Columbus Centre to discuss possible future use of the space for Township meeting purposes and deferred a decision on the request until the discussions have occurred.

Fleet Tender Outcome

Council awarded the purchase of a 2022 half-ton electric/hybrid truck to Trillium Ford Lincoln and the purchase of a 2022 half-ton gasoline truck to Leslie Motors Ltd. Council is hopeful that the electric/hybrid truck will result in long-term savings for the Township and will help to conserve the environment.

Maintenance Gravel Tender

Council awarded the contract for the crushing, hauling and spreading of maintenance gravel in the Township of North Huron for the years 2022 – 2023 to Joe Kerr Limited.

Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Richard W. LeVan Airport

At the November 15th meeting, Council approved an Agreement of Purchase and Sale between the Township of North Huron and Summer and Tyler Papple of Papple Aviation for sale of the Richard W. LeVan Airport. At the November 1st meeting, Council also declared the severed Agricultural lands and Woodlot area as surplus to the needs of the municipality and directed staff to receive Expressions of Interest for the property for Council's consideration.

Adoption of Fees and Charges By-Law

Council adopted the annual fees and charges by-law. The by-law establishes the fees and charges of the Township for 2022. As part of this process, Council removed the non-resident fees for recreation and child care services that were implemented in 2021.

Child Care Service Provider Agreement

At the November 15th meeting, Council authorized the Reeve and Clerk to execute a Service Agreement with the County of Huron to provide child care programs and services in the Township of North Huron. The new agreement outlines the terms and conditions that must be met to receive Provincial funding for North Huron's child care programs and services.

Next Regular Council Meetings to be held in December:

Monday, December 6th at 6:00PM in the North Huron Town Hall Theatre

Monday, December 20th at 6:00PM in the North Huron Town Hall Theatre