



MAY 2023

May 1, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting

New Approval Framework for Temporary Outdoor Physical Extensions (Temporary Patios) for Liquor Licensed Premises

- Council approved a new framework for the approval of Temporary Outdoor Physical Extensions (Temporary Patios), following the delegation of this function to local municipalities from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).

Recreation Program Service Agreement with Huron County - Day Camp Subsidy Program

- Council is pleased to announce that North Huron will again be entering into an agreement between the County of Huron and the Township of North Huron for the provision of fee subsidies for eligible participants registered in the North Huron Day Camp Program. On an annual basis, Huron County subsidizes the program registration fees of eligible participants registered in approved children's day camp programs.

Memorandum of Understanding with Southside for Tree Compensation

- Council entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Southside Construction Management Limited with respect to compensation for trees to satisfy conditions of the environmental impact study for the Hutton Heights development.

North Huron Social Media Policy

- Council approved a Social Media Policy for the Township of North Huron. This policy establishes roles and responsibilities to foster successful use of social media and to mitigate risks to the Township.

May 15, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting

Delegation from Blyth Festival - Update on Blyth Festival & 2023 Season

- Council received a delegation from the General Manager and the Artistic Director of the Blyth Festival. The update was in regard to the performances that will take place during the season, and some of the recent accomplishments of the Festival were highlighted, as well as goals and objectives for the Festival going forward.

Proposed New Provincial Policy Statement 2023 and Bill 97 Changes to the Planning Act

- Council expressed concerns about the changes proposed to the Provincial Policy Statement 2023 and the Planning Act. Council directed that their comments be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; as well as the Huron and Ontario Federations of Agriculture, and Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson.

Flag Raising Request - Huron County Pride

- Council approved a Flag Raising Request from Huron County Pride to fly the Pride Flag at the North Huron Municipal Office for the month of June, and to declare the month of June 2023 as Pride Month.

Use and Acceptance of Electronic Signatures Policy

- Council adopted an Electronic Signatures Policy for the Township of North Huron. The policy has the potential to expedite workflow processes and improve customer service now and in the future, and ensures accountability in accordance with the Electronic Commerce Act, 2000.

Amendment to the Schedule for 2023 Regular Council Meetings

- Council approved amendments to the 2023 Regular Council Meeting schedule, to accommodate the Canada Day holiday in July and the Civic Holiday in August. The first meeting in July, scheduled for Monday, July 3rd has been moved to Tuesday, July 4th and the August meeting was rescheduled from Monday, August 7th to Tuesday, August 8th.

Wingham Sidewalk Extension Project - Josephine Street

- Council authorized the transfer of funds from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve to provide additional funds required to top up the Josephine Street Sidewalk Extension Project, which was approved under the 2023 Capital Budget.

Community Improvement Plan Applications

- Council approved a Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Application for 176 Josephine Street in Wingham, and a Direct Grant for Structural Work for 258 Josephine Street in Wingham. The Commercial Façade and Direct Grant for Structural Work programs support the revitalization of commercial buildings within the Community Improvement Plan Project Areas. Council is hopeful that the grant programs will continue to promote long-term economic sustainability and create welcoming and attractive features in the downtowns of Wingham, Blyth, and Belgrave.

Wingham Columbus Centre and Knights of Columbus Agreements

- Council entered into an agreement with the Wingham Columbus Centre for the “Wingham Columbus Centre” community hall at the North Huron Westcast Community Complex. The Agreement clarifies the roles, responsibilities and financial commitments of the Wingham Columbus Centre and the Township. Council also entered into a separate agreement with the Knights of Columbus Council 7569 to confirm the payment schedule to complete the pledge payments for the Knights’ contribution to the original construction of the North Huron Westcast Community Complex building.

Additional North Huron Council information, meeting minutes and agendas can be found on the [Township of North Huron website](#).

Next Regular Council Meeting to be held in June 2023:

Monday, June 5th at 6:00PM at North Huron Town Hall Theatre

Monday, June 19th at 6:00PM at North Huron Town Hall Theatre