



# The Corporation of the Township of North Huron

## Monthly Council Highlights

*March 2021*

### **Monday, March 1st Regular Council Meeting**

#### *Wingham and Area Flood Plain Mapping Update*

- Council received a report from Maitland Valley Conservation Authority outlining the update to the flood plain mapping for Wingham and the surrounding area. Council is hopeful that this mapping will be useful for emergency management purposes.

#### *Blyth Campground Transformation Initiative Project*

- Council received a presentation from the Blyth BIA pertaining to a revitalization of the Blyth Campground to increase utilization of the space. Council directed staff to report back at a future meeting with approximate costs for the proposed project.

#### *Modernization Intake*

- Council directed staff to pursue modernization funding through Phase 2 of the Modernization Intake Funding provided by the Government of Ontario. If successful, the funding will be used toward the implementation of an electronic records management system and an information technology service review.

#### *Request to Send Letter for Additional Funding to Increase Meat Processing Services*

- Council supported North Huron's Economic Development and Recovery Committee's request to provide an advocacy letter to the Provincial Government requesting additional funding to be allocated to increase meat processing capacity in Ontario in order to address the growing demand for abattoir services across the province.

#### *Tuckersmith Communications- Request for Letter of Support to Expand Fiberoptic Internet*

- Council directed staff to provide a letter of support to Tuckersmith Communications in an effort to expand fibre-optic internet to rural residents where service is provided by Tuckersmith Communications in North Huron and the surrounding area.

### **Monday, March 15th Regular Council Meeting**

#### *Veolia Water Canada– 2020 Annual Activities Review*

- Council received a report from Veolia Water Canada regarding the 2020 Annual Activities for the Wingham and Blyth water and waste water systems. Copies of the 2020 Annual Reports are available to the public free of charge at the North Huron Municipal Office.

#### *Housing Initiative- "Through a Housing Friendly Lens"*

- Council received a report for a new housing initiative that targets the on-going housing crisis in Huron County. A Special Council meeting will be held on May 28, 2021 at 9:00AM to further discuss the initiative's potential.

## Monday, March 15th Regular Council Meeting (Continued)

### *Reconsideration of Opt-Out of Cannabis Retail Locations in North Huron*

- At the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Council opted into permitting retail cannabis stores in North Huron's jurisdiction. Under the discretion of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, businesses are now permitted to apply for licences to open cannabis retail locations in North Huron.

### *Return to In-Person Council, Committee and Board Meetings*

- At the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Council directed for all North Huron Council, Committee and Board meetings to be held in-person again beginning April 1, 2021 as long as the Huron-Perth Public Health Unit remains in the Green-Prevent, Yellow-Protect or Orange-Restrict zones. If Huron-Perth moves to Red-Control or Grey-Lockdown, staff have been directed to resume electronic formats for all Council, Committee and Board meetings at the earliest time possible.

### *Implementation of the New Municipal Website*

- The Township of North Huron has worked vigorously to implement the new municipal website. Council is hopeful that the new municipal website will benefit the community in a number of ways and easily provide information to residents and visitors of North Huron.

### *Wingham Armouries Demolition*

- Council directed staff to proceed with the demolition and paving of the former Wingham Armouries building. The project is set to start in April 2021 and be completed by the Summer 2021.

### *Surplus and Sale of Airport Property*

- Council declared the Richard W. LeVan Airport property as surplus to the needs of the municipality. There will be 92 acres of land that will be severed and sold to an appropriate buyer at a later time.

## Friday, March 26th Special Council Meeting

### *Development Charges*

- Council received a presentation from BM Ross and Associates Limited regarding development charges. The presentation outlined: what development charges are, the rules and eligible costs for development charges, the process for calculating development charges, the process for implementing development charges, the 2021 development charges update process, and the new community benefit charges.

### *Human Resources Policy*

- In closed session, Council was presented with a draft human resources policy manual for consideration. Council discussed the manual and provided direction to staff on how to proceed.

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

Next Regular Council Meetings to be held in April:

Tuesday, April 6th at 6:00PM via Cisco WebEx Virtual Meetings

Monday, April 19th at 6:00PM via Cisco WebEx Virtual Meetings