

# Monthly Council Highlights

## January 2024

### Friday, January 12, 2024 – Budget Meeting

- Council received the second draft of the 2024 North Huron Budget. Council adopted the budget in principle and directed for the statutory public meeting to be scheduled for the February 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Council meeting.

### Monday, January 15, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting

#### *United Way Perth-Huron – Quality of Life in Perth-Huron – Delegation Presentation*

- Council received a presentation from the United Way Perth-Huron regarding quality-of-life reports in Perth-Huron.

#### *Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (2024 Update) and 2023 Annual Status Report*

- Council approved and adopted the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (2024) and the 2023 Annual Status Report as required under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. These documents are a joint initiative of all municipal Council's within the County of Huron and are developed by the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee in collaboration with the Huron Council Accessibility Advisory Committee Working Group. Council is hopeful that these documents will continue to help identify, prevent, and remove barriers to accessibility in order to promote and develop a barrier-free municipality for citizens of all abilities including persons with disabilities.

#### *Interim Tax Levy By-law*

- Council directed for the preparation of the 2024 Interim Tax Levy By-law for the February 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. The interim tax levy provides the municipality with working funds until the budget is passed, and the final tax levy is adopted. The interim tax levy is based on 50% of the total taxes for municipal and school board purposes for the previous fiscal year.

#### *Borrowing By-law*

- Council directed for the preparation of the Borrowing By-law for the February 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Each year the Township passes a by-law authorizing the temporary borrowing of \$1,000,000.00 to cover expenses until taxes are levied and collected or until other revenues are received. The Township has not had to use this by-law since amalgamation, however, it is best practice to have this by-law in place, should the need arise.

*North Huron Museum Deaccessioning Project – Report #7*

- Council received the seventh list of artifacts proposed to be deaccessioned from the North Huron Museum and directed staff to continue with the deaccessioning process for the listed artifacts.

*Economic Development Officer Position*

- Council directed staff to investigate a potential shared service arrangement for an Economic Development Officer position, or for a part-time North Huron Economic Development Officer position and to report back to Council.

*Huron County Immigration Partnership Council – Request for Letter of Support for Local Immigration Partnership Settlement Program*

- Council directed staff to send a letter of support to the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada in support of the County of Huron’s Local Immigration Partnership Settlement Program. The Local Immigration Partnership is a key partner to encourage newcomers to come to and stay in Huron County.

*New North Huron Council Chambers – 271 Frances Street, Wingham*

- Council held their first Regular Council meeting in the new Council Chambers space on January 15<sup>th</sup>. The North Huron Council Chambers is located within the Royal Oaks Health & Wellness Centre Building at 271 Frances Street, Wingham. The move to the new location improves accessibility and functionality. Patrons who wish to attend Council meetings in person should park in Parking Lot “B” and enter the building through the accessible entrance labelled as Door “1”. Those who wish to view the meetings virtually can still view the meetings live on the Township of North Huron’s YouTube channel.

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

**Schedule of Upcoming Meetings:**

**Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the North Huron Council Chambers**

**Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the North Huron Council Chambers**