

Monthly Council Highlights

February 2024

Monday, February 5, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting

Letters of Support from North Huron Council

- Council directed for letters of support to be sent regarding: a social and economic prosperity review, concerns related to the elimination of the license plate renewal fees, the increase to the federal carbon tax, and the Ontario Energy Board's decision on phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application.

Zoning By-law Amendment – Gingerich (38725 Belfast Road)

- Council approved of a Zoning By-law Amendment for 38725 Belfast Road, East Wawanosh Ward. The purpose of the rezoning is to create a special General Agriculture zone (AG-14) to permit the use of an existing detached accessory building for an additional residential unit.

Adoption of 2024 Municipal Budget

- Council adopted the 2024 Municipal Budget at their meeting on February 5, 2024. The budget was developed through significant discussion and deliberation by Council during several meetings that included receiving public feedback. The budget includes a total levy increase of 3.8%.

Cross Border Water and Sanitary Sewer Services Agreement – Sepoy Wiring Ltd.

- Council authorized the signing of a cross border water and sanitary sewer services agreement between the Township and Sepoy Wiring Ltd. The Agreement will allow for these services to be extended to the property located at 249 Arthur Street in the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

Waste Management Recycling Contract Extension

- Council authorized the execution of a one-year contract extension with Waste Management of Canada Corporation for curbside collection and processing of recyclable materials. The contract will be in place until April 2025.

Transfer of Funds for Community Risk Assessment

- Council directed for the transfer of \$30,000 that were budgeted within the 2023 budget to the 2024 budget for the completion of the Community Risk Assessment. The project is a legislative requirement and began in the fourth quarter of 2023 and is expected to be complete in the second quarter of 2024.

Barn Dance Historical Society – Request for Placement of Plaque in Town Hall Heritage Theatre

- Council approved a request from the Barn Dance Historical Society for the placement of a plaque in the Town Hall Heritage Theatre and directed for staff work with the Barn Dance Historical Society for the installation of the plaque.

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Appointment of Director of Recreation and Children's Services

- Council appointed Kelly Steiss as the Director of Recreation and Children's Services and welcomed her to her new role with the Township.

Wingham Minor Soccer – Proposal for New Soccer Facilities and Funding Request – Delegation Presentation

- Council received a presentation from representatives of Wingham Minor Soccer regarding a proposal for new soccer facilities in Hutton Heights. Council directed staff to prepare a follow up report that identifies costs and considers the recommendations of the North Huron Recreation Master Plan. The report will be brought back at a future meeting for Council's consideration.

Acceptance of Donations and Fundraising Campaigns Policy

- Council received an Acceptance of Donations and Fundraising Campaigns Policy and directed staff to bring forward a by-law for the Policy to be adopted at the March 4th Regular Council Meeting. This Policy sets out a process for establishing Fundraising Campaigns and establishes methods for accepting Donations and issuing Income Tax Donation receipts.

Renewal Agreement with Morris-Turnberry for the Maintenance on the Boundary Roads

- Council authorized a five-year renewal agreement for the maintenance on the boundary roads with Morris-Turnberry. The Agreement outlines the shared responsibilities between both municipalities and specifically outlines the impacted roadways.

North Huron Museum Deaccessioning Project – Report #8

- Council received the eighth 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.

OPP Office Space Request

- At the March 4th meeting, Council decided to proceed with providing the Huron OPP Detachment with office space at the Wingham Fire Hall and for the renovation costs to be funded from the Wingham Only Police Reserve Fund.

Economic Development Officer Position Update

- Council received an update on the Economic Development Officer position investigations and directed for the hiring of a full-time Economic Development Officer for the Township of North Huron.

Belgrave Community Centre Board – Request to Fundraise for Playground Replacement

- Council approved the Belgrave Community Centre Board's request to fundraise for the replacement of the Belgrave Community Centre playground in accordance with the Acceptance of Donations and Fee Waiving Policy. Council also appointed Councillor van Hittersum as the Council representative to the Belgrave Community Centre Board Fundraising Subcommittee.

Animal Control By-law Update

- Council adopted an updated Animal Control By-law for the Township. The updated by-law reflects the Township's implementation of DocuPet services for dog tag licensing and improves enforceability for animal control related issues.

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

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, March 4th at 6:00PM in the North Huron Council Chambers

Monday, March 18th at 6:00PM in the North Huron Council Chambers