



The Corporation of the Township of North Huron

Monthly Council Highlights

February 2021

Monday, February 1st Regular Council Meeting

Wingham Trailer Park Redevelopment

- Council continues to take meaningful steps towards the redevelopment of the former Wingham Trailer Park property. At the February 1st meeting, Council declared the lands surplus and will be inviting potential buyers to submit “expressions of interest” and offers of purchase detailing the type of housing that would be constructed on site.

2021 Budget Adoption

- At the February 1st meeting, Council adopted the 2021 Municipal Budget. The adopted budget includes an overall spending increase of 3.47% and aligns well with the Council priorities set out in the 2020-2023 North Huron Strategic Plan.

De-Designation of 104 Patrick Street East, Wingham

- After no notice of objections were served on the Clerk, Council approved an owner-initiated request to repeal the heritage designation for 104 Patrick Street East in the Wingham ward. The owner is hopeful that this de-designation will allow for repair and maintenance to occur to return the house to a stately structure.

Government of Canada– Request for Support to Increase Awareness of 2021 Census

- Council supported a request from the Government of Canada to increase awareness of the 2021 Census. Council encourages all residents of the Township of North Huron to complete their census questionnaire online through the Statistics Canada website.

Huron County Plowmen’s Association – Request for Support

- Council supported a request from the Huron County Plowmen’s Association for financial support to go toward hosting the annual Huron County Plowing Match. The dates of the annual Plowing Match have been set for August 19th and 20th, 2021.

Town Hall Accessibility Project Update

- At the February 1st meeting, Council authorized for construction of three barrier free doors (two external and one internal) and an accessible ramp for the Town Hall facility. Proceeding with this project allows for the Township to meet Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act requirements and makes for a more inclusive space for everyone. The Township received a \$100,000 grant from Employment and Social Development Canada for the project.

North Huron Community Food Share

- Council made a generous donation to the North Huron Community Food Share in the amount of \$2,500. The food share has been serving the municipalities of North Huron, Huron East, Morris-Turnberry, Howick, Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, Huron Kinloss and South Bruce for twenty-five years and has experienced an increase in demand due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tuesday, February 16th Regular Council Meeting

Alternative Voting for the 2022 Election

- At the February 16th meeting, Council authorized use of alternative voting for the 2022 Election. The Township of North Huron will align with all other Huron County municipalities and proceed with a telephone and internet voting based election. This is the same voting method that was authorized for the 2018 election and a joint Request for Proposal for a telephone and internet voting system will be issued in early 2021.

Solid Waste Management By-law

- Following a review of Landfill operations, Council adopted a Solid Waste Management By-law. This by-law outlines the proper separation, storage, placement for pick-up, collection and disposal of all types of solid waste resources in the Township of North Huron in order to ensure the longevity of the Township's landfill and maintain the beautification of the community.

Huron Chamber of Commerce– Request to Join Membership

- At the February 16th meeting, the Huron Chamber of Commerce provided Council with an overview of the Chamber and requested that North Huron join its membership. Council directed North Huron staff to obtain feedback from the Wingham BIA, Blyth BIA, and the North Huron Economic Development and Recovery Committee regarding North Huron's involvement in the Chamber of Commerce.

Housing Initiative– Residential Intensification Guidelines

- Council has approved Residential Intensification Guidelines for the Township of North Huron. Council is hopeful that these guidelines will create more housing in North Huron by offering guidance to developers on ways to increase residential density. The guidelines are not required of developers but will serve as a useful tool for developers to use when increased density is being considered.

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

Next Regular Council Meetings to be held in March:

Monday March 1st at 6:00PM via Cisco WebEx

Monday March 15th at 6:00PM via Cisco WebEx