



# The Corporation of the Township of North Huron

## Monthly Council Highlights

*June 2021*

### **Monday, June 7th Regular Council Meeting**

#### *Letter of Support Regarding the Closure of Youth Justice Facilities in Northeastern Communities*

- Council supported the Township of Matachewan's resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario reverse the decision to close the MeeQuam Youth Residence in Cochrane. Council recognizes and supports the importance of youth in need of youth justice services being incarcerated as close to their home and families as possible.

#### *Temporary Physical Extension of Liquor Licensed Premises*

- Council authorized a temporary delegation of authority for the Clerk to issue letters of non-objection for temporary physical extensions of already liquor licenced premises. Council is confident that this approach offers an efficient and non-cumbersome process to support local businesses in their recovery efforts from the COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact the Clerk's Department for more information on temporary extending your liquor licenced premise.

#### *Temporary Approval of Outdoor Patios-Dining on Township Property*

- Council authorized a temporary delegation of authority for the Clerk to issue approvals for businesses to temporarily utilize Township of North Huron property (such as sidewalks and parking spaces) during the 2021 summer season for safe, physically-distanced outdoor patios/dining. Council recognizes the importance of implementing a streamlined process to support business owners in their reopening in a COVID-19 environment.

#### *Blyth-Hullett Landfill Site Monitoring Agreement with Infrastructure Ontario*

- At the June 7th meeting, Council authorized the signing of an agreement to allow the Blyth-Hullett Landfill Board to secure the groundwater rights for the third and final parcel of land located within the Contamination Attenuation Zone. By securing these rights, the Board achieves compliance with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' Order.

#### *Recommendation for Huron Chamber of Commerce Membership from Economic Development and Recovery Committee*

- Council supported a recommendation from the Economic Development and Recovery Committee to proceed with the purchase of a corporate-wide membership with the Huron Chamber of Commerce as an enhanced member. Council is hopeful that the purchase of this membership will help with the promotion of business, economic development and prosperity for the enrichment of North Huron.

#### *Notice of Termination of Shared Services Building Department Agreement from Municipality of Morris-Turnberry*

- At the June 7th meeting, Council received a notice of termination of the Shared Services Building Department Agreement from the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry. Council directed staff to report back with future potential options for the delivery of services provided through the terminated agreement.

**Monday, June 7, 2021 Regular Council Meeting (Continued)**

*Donation for Funding for Accessibility Upgrades to Washrooms and Showers*

- Council donated \$2,000 to the Huron Pioneer Threshers & Hobby Association for funding to assist with costs of accessibility upgrades for the washrooms and showers in Shed 3. Council recognizes the importance of accessible infrastructure being provided to the residents and visitors of North Huron.

**Monday, June 21st Regular Council Meeting**

*Community Improvement Plan– Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Application (355 Josephine Street)*

- At the June 21st meeting, Council approved of a Commercial Façade Improvement Grant application under the North Huron Community Improvement Plan for 355 Josephine Street, Wingham. Council is hopeful that the grant programs will continue to promote long-term economic sustainability and welcoming and attractive features in the downtowns of Wingham, Blyth, and Belgrave.

*Wingham Armouries Update*

- Council received an update on the demolition process of the Wingham Armouries facility. It was noted that abatement of all hazardous materials was completed, building contents were removed and demolition of the building occurred. Council directed for the paving cost for the site to be included in the draft 2022 budget for Council's consideration.

*Building Service Delivery Options*

- Council received a report regarding potential building service delivery options. After consideration of the options, Council directed staff to develop a draft full-time Chief Building Official job description and to investigate possible shared building service delivery options with other municipalities.

*Telephone and Internet Voting Service Provider for the 2022 Election*

- Council entered into an agreement with Simply Voting Inc. for the provision of telephone and internet voting services for the 2022 Municipal Election. Simply Voting Inc. provided telephone and internet voting services for North Huron for the 2018 Municipal Election and Council is hopeful that this will allow for consistency with voter experience for North Huron's constituents.

*Final Community Safety and Well-Being Plan*

- Council adopted a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan which outlines strategies and actions to improve safety and well-being for everyone in the community. Council is optimistic that the plan will enhance how the Township collaborates with community partners and residents on issues that impact safety and well-being within North Huron.

**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 July:

Monday July 5th at 6:00PM via Cisco WebEx Virtual Meetings

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