



The Corporation of the Township of North Huron

Monthly Council Highlights

July 2021

Monday, July 5th Regular Council Meeting

Municipal Modernization Program Grant Funding

- At the July 5th meeting, Council received a letter from the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing advising that North Huron was successful in both of its applications for funding under the Municipal Modernization Program – Intake 2. Council is excited to announce that North Huron will be receiving \$108,750 for its Digital Modernization (Records Management) project and \$30,000 for an IT Service Delivery Review. Council is hopeful that these projects will allow for North Huron to find efficiencies and lower costs in the longer term.

Transfer Payment Agreement– Wingham Standpipe Replacement Funding

- The Township of North Huron's application for funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Green Stream was approved and Council entered into a Transfer Payment Agreement to receive the funding. In total, North Huron will receive \$2,852,040.00 to go toward the replacement of the Wingham Standpipe. Council is appreciative of the Federal and Provincial Government's contributions to this important project.

Council Composition Review and Evaluation

- At the July 5th meeting, Council conducted a review and evaluation of its composition to ensure that Council is the right size and structure. The review and evaluation focused on: the selection method of the Deputy Reeve, the size of Council, and whether to retain or dissolve the ward system. Council determined that the Council composition should remain unchanged.

Hot Mix Supply and Placement Program Expansion

- Council approved an expansion of the scope of the 2021 Hot Mix Supply and Placement program. The expansion will now include hot mix supply and placement on all North Huron owned streets in Belgrave using the additional Gas Tax funding received in 2021.

Notice of Retirement– Director of Finance

- Council accepted with regret the notice of retirement of Donna White, Director of Finance, effective December 31, 2021. Donna began her career with the Village of Brussels and joined North Huron as the Director of Finance in 2001 at the time of amalgamation. Council is thankful for Donna's many years of service to the Township of North Huron and wish her all the best in her retirement!

Monday, July 19th Regular Council Meeting

Foodcycler Municipal Waste Diversion Solutions

- Council received a presentation from the Food Cycle Science Corporation about food waste diversion solutions. Council directed staff to further investigate the foodcycler solution product and prepare a report regarding the Township's participation in the municipal cycler solution pilot program.

Permanent Council Chambers Location Investigations

- Council considered a number of options to address the need for a permanent Council Chambers location. Council directed staff to further investigate a renovation/expansion of the Hot Stove Lounge as the preferred option for the location of a permanent Council Chambers. For the short-term, Council will continue to meet in the North Huron Town Hall Theatre.

Open Air Burning By-law Update

- At the July 19th meeting, Council received and supported an update to the Township's Open Air Burning By-law. Council is hopeful that the updated by-law will allow for better enforcement of open air burning and a safer community overall. The by-law will be finalized and brought forward for adoption by Council at the August 9th meeting.

North Huron's Roadmap to Reopening Plan

- Council approved a Roadmap to Reopening Plan for North Huron. Under the Plan, Town Hall will be reopening to the public as of August 3rd, and all Council, Committee, and Board meetings will return to in-person meetings as of August 3rd as well. The North Huron Westcast Community Complex and the Blyth and District Community will reopen to the public on July 21st with the hours of operation being based on the staffing available for modified and phased in programming. Council is confident that this Plan will allow for a safe reopening from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Director of Finance Recruitment Process

- Council authorized staff to commence a municipally lead hiring process to recruit a permanent, full-time Director of Finance. The creation of a temporary Deputy Director of Finance position was also approved (for no longer than 6 weeks) to ensure a smooth transition for all staff involved.

Purchase and Sale Agreement for Former Wingham Trailer Park Property

- At the July 19th meeting, Council adopted a purchase and sale agreement for the former Wingham Trailer Park property. Council is confident that development of the property for permanent housing will have a positive financial impact on the community as a whole and will help address the shortage of housing in the Township.

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

Next Regular Council Meeting to be held in August:

Monday, August 9th at 6:00PM in the North Huron Town Hall Theatre