



October 2021

Regular Council Meeting - October 4, 2021

Northern Huron Community Committee

Council received a presentation from representatives from the United Way Perth-Huron regarding the newly formed North Huron Community Committee. Council is hopeful that this region-by-region approach is successful in making meaningful contributions to address issues like poverty, homelessness and mental health in our communities.

Festival of Lanterns

At the October 4th meeting, Council approved the special event request submitted by the Wingham BIA to host the Festival of Lanterns event. Council is excited to see the return of local special events in North Huron provided they comply with all public health COVID-19 requirements.

Dectron Unit Replacement

Council awarded the tender for the replacement of the Dectron Unit at the North Huron Westcast Community Complex to Cliff's Plumbing and Heating. This project was approved for funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

Fleet Replacement Schedule

Council approved a ten-year planning schedule for all fleet equipment and vehicles. The replacement of Township fleet assets is important for regulating the total cost of ownership and overall fleet performance and the schedule will be implemented to work in conjunction with the Township's Asset Management Plan. Council is hopeful that this schedule will allow for continued quality asset management in the Township of North Huron.

Chief Building Official Position

At the October 4th meeting, Council approved the full-time Chief Building Official job description and directed staff to hire a full-time Chief Building Official. As part of this process, Council also directed staff to sign a contract with a third-party provider, for the delivery of Drainage Superintendent services.

Proposed Naturalization Planting Project

Council authorized for the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority to proceed with a naturalization planting project in the Turnberry Conservation Area. The project includes an opportunity to include plantings in the Wingham Ecological Park.

Regular Council Meeting - October 18, 2021

North Huron Museum Committee Final Report

At the October 18th meeting, Council received the final report and presentation from the North Huron Museum Committee. The Committee's mandate was to develop a proposal to facilitate a decision on the proposed relocation of the museum to the former train station building. Council deferred any action on the proposal until the November 10, 2021 Special Council meeting.

Temporary Suspension of Town Hall Public Meeting for 2021

Council suspended the Town Hall Public Meeting for 2021 due to current physical distancing and maximum capacity requirements of COVID-19. This will be re-evaluated in 2022.

Foodcycler Municipal Solutions

Council received a follow-up report regarding the potential to participate in a FoodCycler Municipal Waste Diversion Solutions pilot project. As a result of the report, Council directed staff to review internal opportunities to find efficiencies that will increase the longevity of North Huron's landfill prior to participating in any pilot project.

Fleet Levels of Service

At the October 18th meeting, Council provided direction regarding Levels of Service for the purposes of assisting in evaluating the need for fleet replacement. Council directed staff to purchase a new tractor for roadside mowing in 2025 for winter maintenance and not to replace the street sweeper when it breaks down and instead tender this activity out. Council is hopeful that this will result in future budget savings for the Township.

North Huron Community Food Share

Council made a generous donation to the North Huron Community Food Share in the amount of \$2,000. The food share has been supporting those in need in the North Huron community for twenty-five years and has seen an influx of demand due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Council is thankful for the work undertaken by the North Huron Community Food Share.

Special Meeting of Council October 22, 2021

Strategic Plan Update

Council received an update from the Chief Administrative Office on the current status of the action items in the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, North Huron has accomplished the majority of the action items that were scheduled to be completed to-date. North Huron Council and staff continue to work toward achieving the Plan's goals and objectives.

Year-to-Date Budget Presentation

Council received an update from each Department regarding the year-to-date figures in the 2021 budget. Council used this update as an opportunity to reflect on and discuss the Township's priorities in preparation of the upcoming 2022 budget. The first 2022 budget meeting will be held on December 9, 2021.

Employee COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

At the October 22nd meeting, Council approved an Employee COVID-19 Vaccination Policy. The policy strongly recommends all Township of North Huron employees, including full-time, part-time, casual, contracted personnel, volunteers and students to be vaccinated. The policy also requires staff to complete education sessions on the benefits of vaccination.

Next Regular Council Meetings to be held in November:

Monday, November 1st at 6:00PM in the North Huron Town Hall Theatre

Monday, November 15th at 6:00PM in the North Huron Town Hall Theatre