



July 2022

July 4, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council

Sam Hewitt – Retirement Recognition

- At the July 4th Regular Meeting, Council congratulated Sam Hewitt on his retirement. Sam retires from the Township of North Huron after 21 years of service as Landfill Operator.

Special Event Policy and Procedures Manual

- Council approved a Special Event Policy and Procedures Manual for the Township of North Huron. Council is hopeful that the implementation of this manual will assist all parties involved in the coordination and preparation of special events in North Huron.

Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Application (208 Josephine Street)

- Council approved a Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Application for 208 Josephine Street, in Wingham for \$10,000. The Commercial Façade Improvement Grant program supports the revitalization of commercial façades within the Community Improvement Plan Project Areas.

Wingham Minor Hockey Association – Request for Reconsideration of October 1st Ice Installation Decision

- Council received and discussed a request from the Wingham Minor Hockey Association to install the ice at the North Huron Westcast Community Complex on September 1st instead of October 1st. As a result of the discussion, Council directed for a follow-up report to be prepared regarding potential amendments to the ice installation policy to allow for greater flexibility.

Riverside Apartments Inc. – Request for Reduction in Development Charges

- Council received and considered a request from Riverside Apartments Inc. for a reduction and deferral of development charges and building permit fees for the Riverside Apartments development. Council reaffirmed that development charges and building permit fees are required to be paid in full by the requestors.

Project Contribution Agreement with Regional Tourism Organization 4 Inc. (RTO4)

- At the July 4th Regular Meeting, Council adopted a Project Contribution Agreement between North Huron and Regional Tourism Organization 4 Inc. (RTO4) for funding under the Tourism Relief Fund. The funds received will be allocated towards a Blyth Greenway Trail improvement project.

July 18, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council

North Huron Water and Wastewater Capacity Update

- Council received an update from B.M. Ross and Associates Limited regarding water and wastewater capacity for both Wingham and Blyth in comparison to the data presented as part of the water and wastewater masterplan completed in 2020.

Huron County OPP Statistical Report

- At the July 18th Regular Meeting, Council received a statistical report from the Huron County OPP regarding policing services in the Wingham Ward since the transition from the Wingham Police Service.

Huron County Mural Project – Wingham

- Council approved the South Exterior Wall of the North Huron Westcast Community Complex as the location for the Huron County Mural Project. Council also endorsed the release of an Expressions of Interest document to solicit the submission of design concept proposals for the mural. Huron County's Economic Development Department is providing up to \$20,000 for the creation of this public art project in Wingham.

Appointment of By-Law Enforcement/Property Standards/Animal Control Officer

- Council approved the creation of a permanent, part-time By-Law Enforcement/Property Standards/Animal Control Officer position and appointed Riley Brugess to the role. Council thanks North Huron's former Animal Control Officer, Jim Renwick, for his many years of service.

Blyth Signage Options

- Council discussed the preferred option for next steps related to the "Welcome to Blyth" signage at the north and south entrances of Blyth. Council directed staff to renew the current lease agreement with Huron Tractor for one year, and also to prepare and present possible sign re-location options for the south sign in early 2023.

O.P.P. Police Servicing Arrangements for Wingham Ward

- With the current Wingham Ward O.P.P. Servicing Contract coming to an end in December of 2022, Council directed for the Wingham ward to transition to the O.P.P. billing model. By doing so, policing services will be provided at the same service level for all three North Huron wards.

July 25, 2022 Special Meeting of Council

Staffing and Service Levels at Recreational Facilities

- At the July 25th Special Meeting, Council approved the transition of two part-time Recreation Facility Operator II positions to two full-time Recreation Facilities Operator II positions and authorized the recruitment of an additional full-time Recreation Facilities Operator II position. Due to the hiring challenges being experienced, these staffing changes are required to maintain the current level of service at North Huron's recreational facilities.

North Huron Official Plan 5 Year Review Update

- Council received and provided feedback on a second draft of the Official Plan Amendment with proposed changes to policies (text) and designations (mapping). Council discussed the proposed amendments and directed for the Official Plan Amendment to be brought back in September for Council's consideration.

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 2022:

Monday, August 8th at 6:00PM in the North Huron Town Hall Theatre