



*January 2022*

### **Thursday, January 13th Budget Meeting**

#### *2022 Draft Budget – Version 2*

- At their meeting held January 13<sup>th</sup>, Council received the second draft of the 2022 budget. The second version incorporated the revisions recommended by Council from the December 9<sup>th</sup> budget meeting. Council adopted the budget in principle and directed staff to proceed with scheduling the public meeting and presenting the budget for final adoption at the February 7, 2022 Regular meeting.

#### *Electronic Council, Committee and Board Meetings*

- In light of the Provincial Government announcing a return to the modified version of Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen effective Wednesday, January 5, 2022, Council directed for all Council, Committee, and Board meetings to be held by electronic means until further notice.

### **Monday, January 17th Regular Council Meeting**

#### *Whitfield Municipal Drain Relocation Project*

- At the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, Council adopted the Engineer's report for the Whitfield Municipal Drain Relocation Project 2022, as presented. The Court of Revision for the project has been scheduled for February 10, 2022 at 9:00am.

#### *Municipally-Initiated Cannabis Housekeeping Zoning By-law Amendment*

- Council approved a zoning by-law amendment to establish provisions within the Zoning Bylaw to allow for the production of cannabis as a permitted use within appropriate zones subject to provisions that protect neighbouring sensitive uses. This amendment applies to the Zoning By-law and therefore, the entire municipality.

#### *North Huron Official Plan 5-Year Review*

- Council adopted a resolution to commence a review of the Township of North Huron Official Plan. The review will ensure consistency and conformity with the updated direction from the Provincial Policy Statement and County Official Plan and will also provide an opportunity to ensure the policies and mapping in the Plan reflect the desired vision for growth and development in the community. A Special meeting of Council, open to the public, will be held February 24, 2022 to discuss revisions to the Official Plan.

#### *Multi-Year Accessibility Plan*

- At the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, Council approved and adopted the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (2022 Update) and the 2021 Annual Status Report as required under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act. These documents are a joint initiative of all municipal councils within the County of Huron and are developed by the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee in collaboration with the Huron County Disability Act Working Group. Council is hopeful that these documents will continue to help identify, prevent and remove barriers to accessibility in order to promote and develop a barrier-free municipality for citizens of all abilities including persons with disabilities.

*North Huron Museum Relocation Capital Project*

- Council approved the Terms of Reference for a Fundraising Committee for the North Huron Museum Relocation Capital Project. The goal of the Fundraising Committee will be to raise \$420,000 in funds to support the capital and relocation costs identified in the North Huron Museum Committee Final Report/Proposal accepted by Council on November 10, 2021.

*One Funds Investment Program Enrollment*

- Council directed for the enrollment of the Township of North Huron in the One Investment Program. Council is hopeful that the enrollment will allow for the investment of municipal funds through a co-mingled public sector investment program in order to leverage enhanced returns and reduced administration costs.

*Purchasing of Goods, Services, and Construction Policy*

- Council approved an updated Purchasing of Goods, Services and Construction Policy for the Township of North Huron. This policy will increase efficiency and formality throughout the purchasing process and is also expected to reduce contract administration time and the amount of administrative time required to develop award reports for Council relating to mid-level expenditures.

*Hutton Heights Development Land Servicing*

- At the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, Council approved of an approach to finance the development of the Hutton Heights land servicing. This decision is an important step in the process to provide much-needed housing within the Township of North Huron.

*Community Engagement Coordinator*

- Council directed for the restructuring of an existing staff position within the municipality. The restructuring will eliminate the Recreation Clerical and Marketing Assistant position and will create a Community Engagement Coordinator position. Council is hopeful that this restructuring will allow for staff resources to better align with the priorities of Council and the Township.

*Call for Action for Joint and Several Liability*

- Council directed staff to send a letter to the Attorney General requesting the Province of Ontario to work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario on a plan for resolution to joint and several liability concerns before the end of its current mandate. Liability and risks are one of the major drivers for exponentially increasing insurance costs for municipalities.

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Next Regular Council Meetings to be held in February:

Monday, February 7th at 6:00PM via Cisco WebEx Virtual Meetings

Tuesday, February 22nd at 6:00PM via Cisco WebEx Virtual Meetings