



The Corporation of the Township of North Huron

Monthly Council Highlights

JULY 2023

July 4, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting

Childcare Services Staffing Levels

- At the July 4th meeting, Council authorized the transition of three current part-time Registered Early Childhood Educator positions into three full-time Registered Early Childhood Educator positions. The purpose of this transition is to address the demand for child care services by maximizing the number of child care spaces available. The positions will be paid for through CWELCC funding and user fees so there is no impact on taxation.

Request to Utilize Reserve Funds for Unplanned Maintenance

- Council approved the utilization of funds from the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund to cover the costs of unplanned maintenance work on two North Huron Fire Department apparatus.

Wingham BIA Benches Procurement

- On behalf of the Wingham BIA, Council awarded the purchase of eight outdoor benches from Classic Displays. Council is hopeful that this project will support the beautification of Wingham's downtown core.

North Huron Museum Deaccessioning Project – Report #1

- Council received the first list of artifacts to be deaccessioned from the North Huron Museum and directed staff to continue with the deaccessioning process for the listed artifacts.

Huron Pioneer Thresher & Hobby Association - Request to be Recognized as a Municipally Significant Event

- Council supported the special event request from the Huron Pioneer Threshers and Hobby Association, and proclaimed the event as being municipally significant. The event will be held at the Blyth & District Community Centre on September 8th and 9th, 2023.

July 17, 2023 - Regular Council Meeting

Second Draft Amendment of Zoning By-law Update

- Council received the second draft of the proposed Zoning By-law amendment. Council directed staff to schedule a statutory public meeting on September 18, 2023.

Petition for Drainage Works – Branch to the Robinson Drain

- Council appointed Dietrich Engineering Ltd. to prepare a report for an area requiring drainage as part of their report already being prepared to fulfill the requirements under Section 78 of the Drainage Act for repairs and improvements to the Robinson Municipal Drain.

Records Management and Retention Policy

- At the July 17th meeting, Council approved an updated Records Management and Retention Policy. The purpose of the policy is to reflect updated recordkeeping best practices and legislative requirements as well as operational changes that have occurred with the Township's records management and retention program.

Request from Wingham Ironmen for Exemption to Ice In/Ice Out Policy

- Council granted an exemption from the North Huron Ice In/Ice Out Policy to allow the 2023/2024 ice season to extend from September 5, 2023 to March 31, 2024 in Wingham.

Tandem Plow Truck RFQ Results

- Council awarded the purchase of a Tandem Plow Truck to Altruck International. Payment for the truck (cab and chassis) will be in 2024 and the plow and spreader will be paid in 2025, upon delivery of the truck .

North Huron Council Chambers Project RFT Results

- Council awarded the contract for the North Huron Council Chambers relocation project to Melloul Blamey. Under the current scope of work, it is expected this project will be completed by the end of 2023. The Council Chambers will allow for virtual participation and hybrid meetings and will comply with all Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act requirements.

Rural Economic Development 2023 Program Agreement

- Council authorized the execution of a Rural Economic Development grant funding agreement. The grant will provide funds for the Cruickshank Park and Main Street Benches project.

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 2023:
Tuesday, August 8th at 6:00PM at North Huron Town Hall Theatre**