



DECEMBER 2023

December 4, 2023—Regular Council Meeting

Support for County of Prince Edward Resolution—Establish a Guaranteed Livable Income Program

- Council directed staff to provide a letter of support to the County of Prince Edward regarding their resolution for Establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income Program.

Support for Town of Orangeville Resolution—Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates

- Council directed staff to provide a letter of support to the Town of Orangeville regarding their resolution for the Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates.

2023 Staff Service Awards Presentation

- Council presented the following staff with years of service awards for 2023:

Part-Time Staff

5 Years:

- Marilyn Murray-Scott, Senior Instructor Guard
- Racheal Stangen, Early Childhood Educator

Full-Time Staff

5 Years:

- Johnathon McDowell, Roads & Landfill Operator
- Jon Foxtan, Roads Operator
- Brendan Stretton, Roads Operator
- Jadyan Murray, Recreation Administrative Assistant

10 Years:

- Shelby Murray-Ples, Early Childhood Educator
- Brittany Weber, Early Childhood Educator

15 Years:

- Denise Lockie, Community Engagement Coordinator

25 Years:

- Scott Price, Public Works Lead Hand

30 Years:

- Julie Wharton, Food Service Person

35 Years:

- Racheal Gerrie, Recreation Supervisor
- Julie Wheeler, Deputy Treasurer/Payroll Clerk

Congratulations to all staff and thank you for your many years of service!

Appointment of Committee of Adjustment for 2024

- Council reappointed all members of Council for the 2024 term of the Committee of Adjustment for the Township of North Huron. The purpose of the Committee is to hold public hearings to make decisions on minor variances from the Township's Zoning By-law submitted pursuant to Section 45 of the *Planning Act*.

Integrated Accessibility Standards Policy

- Council approved an Integrated Accessibility Standards Policy. The policy will replace the Township's previously adopted Accessibility Standards for Customer Service & Use of Assistive Device Policy. The intent of the Integrated Accessibility Standards Policy was to update the Policy to align with legislative requirements, clarify current practices and satisfy the requirements of the AODA Desk Audit.

Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Application—442 Queen Street, Blyth (Blyth Pharmacy)

- Council approved of the Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Application for 442 Queen Street, Blyth. Council is hopeful that the grant programs offered under the Community Improvement Plan will continue to promote long-term economic sustainability and create welcoming and attractive features in the downtowns of Blyth, Belgrave and Wingham.

Tender Results for the Robinson Municipal Drain Project 2023

- Council received the tender results for the drainage works and improvements to be made to the Robinson Municipal Drain. Robinson Farm Drainage Limited was the successful bidder for the project.

Creation of Columbarium Replacement Reserve

- Council created a Columbarium Replacement Reserve Fund for the Township. The Columbarium Replacement Reserve Fund will ensure that revenues are placed into the specific reserve fund at the end of each calendar year to fund the future replacement of the Columbarium.

Donations and Fee Waiving Policy Review

- Council reviewed the Township's current Donation and Fee Waiving Policy and directed staff to amend the Policy to implement a budget maximum of \$6,000.00 annually for cash donations for community groups. In the updated Policy, no single community group shall be eligible to receive more than \$2,000.00 annually as a donation from the Township.

Rutledge Subdivision Winter Maintenance Agreement

- Council authorized for the execution of a winter maintenance agreement for the Rutledge Subdivision with GJAJ Holdings Ltd. As per the agreement conditions, the Township of North Huron will provide winter maintenance services such as snow plowing, salting, and sanding to the roadways within the Rutledge Subdivision until the Township assumes the roadway.

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Community Safety and Well-Being Plan—Status Update and Budget for 2024

- Council received a status update on the work being completed to implement the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and approved a budget of \$5,000 to be used for the implementation of the Plan in 2024.

Sign Agreement with WVRH Holdings Inc. (Huron Tractor, Blyth)

- Council authorized the execution of an agreement with WRVH Holdings Ltd. for the placement of the “Welcome to Blyth” on the Huron Tractor Blyth property for an additional one-year term. The sign will be relocated off the property in 2024.

Land Lease Agreement for Snowmobile Clubs

- Council authorized the execution of land lease agreements with the North Huron Trail Groomers for the use of a section of the Blyth Greenway Trail and with the Wingham & District Snowmobile Association for the use of sections of Riverside Park, Optimist Park and 145 Park Drive. These agreements allow for use of these lands for snowmobiling purposes.

North Huron Deaccessioning Project—Report #6

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

Blyth Community Betterment Committee—Request to Hold a Blyth New Year’s Eve Fireworks Display

- Council received a Special Event request from the Blyth Community Betterment Committee for the New Year’s Fireworks Display at the Blyth & District Community Centre grounds/campground. Council authorized for the event to proceed as requested. The New Year’s Eve fireworks display will be held on Sunday, December 31, 2023 from 5:30-7:30pm.

Councillor Wright—Notice of Motion

- Council approved a motion for staff to investigate solutions for snow removal at the intersection of Bristol Terrace and Josephine Street, as well as the Hanna Bridge. Staff will report back to Council with potential options at a later date.

December 19, 2023—Budget Meeting #1

2024 Draft Budget—Version 1

- At their Budget meeting held December 19th, Council received the first draft of the 2024 Draft Budget for consideration. The next Budget meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 12, 2024 at 9:00am in the North Huron Council Chambers.

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 January 2024:

Monday, January 15th at 6:00PM in the North Huron Council Chambers