



#### **January 12, 2023 Budget Meeting**

- Council received further details on the first draft of the 2023 Budget. Council discussed alternate service delivery models and potential service delivery cuts to reduce the impact on the budget. Council also gave pre-budget approval to the Wingham Firehall accessible washrooms project.

#### **January 16, 2023 Regular Council Meeting**

##### *North Huron Museum Update*

- Council directed for the discontinuation of the delivery of museum services and for the termination of the museum relocation project. Council also directed for the artifacts currently contained in the museum to be deaccessioned in accordance with the Deaccessioning Policy.

##### *Bill 23 Implementation – More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*

- Council received an update on the legislative changes resulting from Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act* including an update on the changes that will need to be made to the processing of local planning applications.

##### *2024 Wingham Homecoming Committee – Terms of Reference*

- Council adopted Terms of Reference for the 2024 Wingham Homecoming Committee and appointed Councillor Mitch Wright as the Council Representative to the Committee. The Committee will be responsible for the planning and coordination of the 2024 Homecoming Reunion event. Applications are being accepted until Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 4:30 pm.



#### *Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (2023 Update)*

- North Huron Council approved and adopted the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan (2023) and the 2022 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 Accessibility Advisory Committee 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 Municipal and School Board Elections*

- Council received the final report from the Clerk/Returning Officer for the 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections. The report provided an update on voter turnout, the Township's experience with telephone and internet voting, the election processes, the election expenditures, and the feedback from voters.

#### *2023 Borrowing By-Law*

- Council directed for the preparation of a Borrowing By-law for the February 6, 2023 Regular Council meeting. Each year the Township passes a by-law authorizing the temporary borrowing of \$1,000,000.00 to cover expenses until taxes are levied and collected or until other revenues are received. The Township has not had to use this by-law since amalgamation however, it is a best practice to have this by-law in place, should the need arise.

#### *2023 Interim Tax Levy By-Law*

- Council directed for the preparation of an Interim Tax Levy By-law for the February 6, 2023 Regular Council meeting. The interim tax levy provides the municipality with working funds until the budget is passed and the final tax levy is adopted. The interim tax levy is based on 50% of the total taxes for municipal and school board purposes for the previous fiscal year.

**Next Regular Council Meetings to be held in February 2023:**

**Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the North Huron Town Hall Theatre**

**Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00PM in the North Huron Town Hall Theatre**