

Monthly Council Highlights

March 2024

Monday, March 4, 2024 - Regular Council Meeting

Letter of Support – Phase Out of Free Well Water Testing

- Council supported the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee's resolution which requested that the Province not phase out free private well testing in Ontario. Council acknowledged the negative impact that the elimination of free private well testing would have on residents with private wells.

Wingham Homecoming 2024 – Update on Wingham Homecoming – Delegation Presentation

- Council received a presentation from a representative of the 2024 Wingham Homecoming on the events that have been scheduled. Council has sponsored the Homecoming by waiving the facility rental fees for two free swims, the Saturday Night Dance, and the Sunday church service.

Township Flower Tender Results

- Council awarded the tender for Township flowers to Greyhaven Gardens for a three-year term. The business will be providing flower arrangements, hanging baskets, and planter boxes along the main streets in Blyth and Wingham.

County of Huron - Huron County Population and Housing Projections Study – Final Report

- Council received the final report for the Huron County Population and Housing Projections Study that was prepared by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. Council requested a follow up report on how North Huron can make use of the data collected in the study.

Huron Pioneer Threshers and Hobby Association – Letter – Standby Medical Coverage and Food Truck License Fees

- Council referred the requests received from the Huron Pioneer Threshers and Hobby Association regarding standby medical coverage and food truck license fees to staff to be discussed as part of the ongoing renewal agreement negotiations.

Appointment of Interim Fire Chief and Interim Deputy Fire Chief

- Council appointed Chad Kregar as the Interim Fire Chief and Ken DeVries as the Interim Deputy Fire Chief for the North Huron Fire Department following the resignation of the former Fire Chief. The shared fire service agreement between the Municipality of Huron East and the Township of North Huron will remain in place pending a detailed review of the role of the fire service management and administration.

Appointment of Deputy Treasurer

- Council appointed Donna Stute as Deputy Treasurer for the Township of North Huron following notice of retirement being provided by the current Deputy Treasurer, Julie Wheeler. Council welcomed Donna to her new role with the Township.

Huron OPP Detachment Board Appointment

- Council appointed Councillor Anita van Hittersum as the North Huron Council representative to the Huron OPP Detachment Board. The appointment is required as municipalities transition from the current Police Services Board framework to a new Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board model under the Community Safety and Policing Act.

Monday, March 18, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting

Letter of Support – Operational Budget Funding

- Council supported the Township of Amaranth's resolution which requested that the Province of Ontario treat all municipalities fairly by providing equivalent operational budget funding amounts to all municipalities in Ontario.

Letter of Support – Request for New Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

- Council supported the Town of Bracebridge's resolution which requested that the Province commit to undertaking, with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.

Retirement Recognition – Julie Wheeler, Deputy Treasurer/Payroll Clerk

- Council congratulated Julie Wheeler on her upcoming retirement. Julie has been an integral part of the Township of North Huron and the former Village of Blyth where she devoted 36 years total years to public service. Congratulations Julie!

RJ Burnside and Associates Limited - Wingham Standpipe Replacement – Delegation Presentation

- Council received a presentation from RJ Burnside and Associates Limited regarding the Wingham standpipe replacement project and the alternative option of constructing a water tower. Council directed staff to investigate the water tower option further and to submit a grant application to the Housing Enabling Water System Fund for the project.

Veolia Water Canada - Water and Wastewater Operations and Maintenance 2023 Annual Activities Review – Delegation Presentation

- Council received a presentation from Veolia Water Canada reviewing the water and wastewater operations and maintenance activities for 2023 for the Township's water and wastewater systems. Council also approved the annual reports for the Blyth and Wingham water and wastewater systems. Copies of the reports are available for public viewing on the [Municipal website](#).

Maintenance Gravel Tender Results

- Council awarded the tender for the crushing, loading, hauling, and spreading of maintenance gravel as part of the Township's annual rural roads maintenance program to Joe Kerr Limited for a two-year term.

Calcium Chloride Tender Results

- Council awarded the tender for liquid calcium chloride solution to Da-Lee Dust Control as part of the Township's annual rural roads dust suppressant and aggregate binding program.

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) RFP Results

- Council awarded the purchase of new NFPA compliant Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment for the North Huron Fire Department to A.J. Stone Company LTD.

North Huron Museum Deaccessioning Project – Report #9

- Council received the ninth 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.

Implementation of Document Commissioning Policy

- Council adopted a Document Commissioning Policy for the Township of North Huron. The purpose of the Policy is to outline information for the public on Commissioner of Oath services provided by the Township and to standardize the procedure and types of documents that can and cannot be commissioned by Township staff.

Implementation of Pre-Consultation By-law

- Council adopted a Pre-Consultation By-law for the Township of North Huron. The purpose of the By-law is to promote the early exchange of information in the planning and development process by requiring pre-consultation meetings for official plan amendment and zoning by-law amendment applications.

Site Plan Control By-law Update

- Council adopted an updated Site Plan Control By-law which implements legislative changes required under Bill 97, the Helping Homebuyers Protecting Tenants Act, 2023.

Additional North Huron Council information, meeting minutes and agendas can be found on the [Township of North Huron website](#).

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:00PM in the North Huron Council Chambers

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