

# Monthly Council Highlights

April 2024

## Tuesday, April 2, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting

### *Letter of Support – Increase to Tile Drainage Loan Limit*

- Council supported the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe’s resolution which requested that the Province of Ontario through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drainage Loan limit to a minimum of \$100,000.

### *Letter of Support – Home Heating Sustainability*

- Council supported the City of Brantford’s resolution which requested that the Federal Government exclude home heating from the federal carbon tax and that the Federal and Provincial Government reinstate home energy retrofit rebate and grant programs.

### *Retirement Recognition – Carol MacPherson, Early Childhood Educator*

- Council congratulated Carol MacPherson on her retirement. Carol has been a Registered Early Childhood Educator for 38 years and an integral part of the North Huron Recreation and Children’s Services Department in the Childcare Division for the past 17.5 years. Congratulations Carol!

### *Allocation of Cash Donations*

- Council directed for the transfer of all funds from the Museum Operations Fundraising bank account to Huron County to support an Alice Munro artifact display at the Alice Munro Public Library in Wingham. Council also directed for the transfer of all funds from the Daycare Fundraising bank account into the Daycare Reserve Fund.

### *North Huron Soccer Fields*

- Council received a report detailing costs to construct a soccer field on the Blyth Community Centre/Campground property. Council encouraged the Blyth Kids Club to partner with a registered, non-profit organization to raise the necessary funds in accordance with the Township’s Acceptance of Donations and Fundraising Campaigns Policy.

### *Hutton Heights Easement Agreement*

- Council authorized the execution of an easement agreement for in-ground drainage infrastructure on a portion of privately-owned lands to facilitate the development of a subdivision in Hutton Heights.

### *Wingham Town Hall Theatre Operation Parameters*

- Council deferred a decision on establishing operating parameters for the Wingham Town Hall Theatre to allow for consultation with the Wingham BIA on potential options that would address the operational challenges being experienced.

### *Military Management Training Exercise*

- Council authorized the execution of rental agreements with the Canadian Military for the emergency management training exercise scheduled to occur from May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>. The exercise will be headquartered in Blyth and will require the use of Township facilities in both Blyth and Wingham.

### *Adoption of Updated Human Resources Policy Manual*

- Council adopted an updated Human Resources Policy Manual for the Township of North Huron. The Manual includes housekeeping updates to provide further clarification in existing policies and procedures, as well as to ensure compliance with relevant and updated legislation.

## **Monday, April 15, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting**

### *Consent Application – C002-2024*

- Council passed a resolution to support Consent Application C002-2024 with the conditions set out in the Huron County Planning and Development report. The purpose of the severance is for the creation of one new lot for future residential development.

### *Wingham and Blyth Business Improvement Area 2024 Budget Approvals*

- Council approved the 2024 Wingham BIA and Blyth BIA budgets and directed staff to incorporate the Wingham BIA and Blyth BIA levy amounts into the 2024 North Huron final budget and 2024 tax levy.

### *2024 Tax Rate By-law*

- Council adopted the 2024 Tax Rate By-law which is required for the 2024 final tax billing. The adoption of this by-law authorizes the tax rates to collect the levy approved in the 2024 Budget.

### *Strategic Plan Goal #3.5 – Explore the Removal of Area Rating*

- Council explored the potential removal of area rating as per action item 3.5 of the 2024-2027 North Huron Strategic Plan. Council decided to remain status-quo with streetlighting continuing to be area rated.

### *North Huron Museum Deaccessioning Project – Status Update and Report #10*

- Council received an update on the status of the museum deaccessioning project as well as the tenth list of artifacts proposed to be deaccessioned from the North Huron Museum. Council directed staff to continue with the deaccessioning process for the listed artifacts.

### *Blyth Festival Stage Naming Request*

- Council received and approved of a request from the Blyth Festival to name the stage at Blyth Memorial Hall in honour of a family who has provided a significant monetary donation to the Blyth Festival.

### *Councillor McBurney – Notice of Motion - Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Epidemic*

- Council approved a motion to declare Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) as an epidemic and called on the Ontario Government to do the same.

### *Blyth BIA – Ratification of BIA Board Appointees*

- Council adopted an updated by-law to appoint Members to Boards and Committees to ratify the updated appointments to the Blyth BIA Board that were elected at the Blyth BIA's annual general meeting from the membership.

### *By-law Enforcement and Animal Control Officer Services*

- Council authorized the execution of a service agreement with Municipal Support Services Inc. for the provision of By-law Enforcement/Property Standards and Animal Control Officer services to the Township. The agreement is for a one (1) year term.

### *Appointment of By-law Enforcement/Property Standards Officers and Animal Control Officers*

- Council adopted updated by-laws to appoint By-law Enforcement/Property Standards Officers and Animal Control Officers for the Township of North Huron. The by-laws reflect the service agreement with Municipal Support Services Inc. for the provision of By-law Enforcement/Property Standards and Animal Control Officer services.

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

### **Schedule of Upcoming Meetings:**

**Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the North Huron Council Chambers**

**Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00PM in the North Huron Council Chambers**