

# Monthly Council Highlights

May 2024

## Monday, May 6, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting

Blyth Ladies Baseball – Baseball Diamond Rental Fees – Delegation Presentation

- Council received a presentation from representatives of the Blyth Ladies Baseball organization regarding the baseball diamond rental fees in Blyth. No action was taken as a result of the delegation.

Westario Power Inc. – Quarterly Update – Delegation Presentation

- The Chair and President of Westario Power Inc. presented a quarterly update to Council.

Consent Application – C021-2024

- Council passed a resolution to recommend denial of Consent Application No. C021-2024. The application was recommended to be denied as it is not consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and does not conform to the Huron County and North Huron Official Plans.

Mill Street Tender Results

- Council awarded the tender for the Mill Street reconstruction project to Omega Contractors Inc. The project will include reconstruction of approximately 250 meters of Mill Street from Westmoreland Street to Dinsley Street in Blyth. The project will also include a new asphalt parking lot in the area of the previous Blyth Fire Hall and Public Works building.

Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Application – 185 Josephine Street (Healthy Computers)

- Council approved a Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Application for 185 Josephine Street, Wingham. 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.

Huron County Pride & Huron-Perth Public Health – Request for Declaring June as Pride Month and Raising of Pride Flag

- Council approved the requests from Huron County Pride and Huron-Perth Public Health to fly the Pride Flag at the North Huron Municipal Office for the month of June, and to declare the month of June 2024 as Pride Month.

Easement Agreements for Public Walking Trail and Sanitary Trunk Line

- Council authorized for the execution of two easement agreements with Riverside Apartments Inc. to secure access for the use and maintenance of a portion of the Wingham Public Walking Trail as well as access to the existing Sanitary Trunk Line on the property.

## **Tuesday, May 21, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting**

### Update to North Huron Flag Protocol Policy

- Council approved an updated Flag Protocol Policy for the Township of North Huron. The update includes an amendment to delegate authority to staff to approve alternate flag raising requests in circumstances where the request has been approved previously by Council.

### Update to Civil Marriage Solemnization Services By-law

- Council approved an updated Civil Marriage Solemnization Services By-law for the Township of North Huron. The updated by-law makes amendments to better reflect the entirety of the service arrangement between the Officiants and the Township under the Clerk's delegated authority. Those wishing to book a North Huron Civil Marriage Officiant can do so through the Township's online booking form.

### Ward Boundary and Council Composition Review Timelines for 2026 Municipal Election

- Council received a report regarding the process and timelines to review ward boundaries and/or the composition of Council in advance of the 2026 Municipal Election. No action was taken on the matter.

### Employee Attraction & Retention Strategy Update

- Council received a status update regarding the development of an Attraction and Retention Strategy for staff. Council will be presented with a draft strategy at a future meeting. The development of an Attraction and Retention Strategy for staff was included as action item 3.4. in the 2024-2027 North Huron Strategic Plan.

### BM Ross Associates Limited – Water and Wastewater Works Financial Plans – Delegation Presentation

- Council received a presentation of draft water and wastewater financial plans from BM Ross Associates Limited and directed for a follow up report to consider adding a metered charge for the wastewater system prior to deciding to adopt the water and wastewater financial plans.

### Planning Applications Fees Review Report from Huron County

- Council endorsed the updated planning application fees schedule as proposed by Huron County. Once the finalized Fee Schedule has been adopted by County Council, the fees will take effect July 1, 2024.

### Emergency Generator Tender Results

- Council awarded the tender for the emergency backup generators at the North Huron Westcast Community Complex and the Wingham Childcare Centre to Sepoy Wiring Inc. The project will include the purchase and installation of emergency backup generators as approved in the 2024 North Huron Capital Budget.

### Tennis and Pickle Ball Court Tender Results

- Council awarded the tender for the Wingham Tennis Court/Pickleball Court reconstruction to Multiply Enterprises Inc. The project will include the removal of the existing tennis court and the installation of new tennis and pickleball courts in Wingham.

#### Fire Prevention Officer Update

- Council received an update on the resignation of the Fire Prevention Officer effective May 23, 2024. To ensure a successful transition and adequate coverage, Mike Roess will continue providing his expertise on a contractual basis until a replacement Fire Prevention Officer has been hired.

#### North Huron Salary Grid Band 2 Update

- Council directed for an amendment to Band 2 of the Township's 2024 Salary Grid. As recommended by the Township's Pay Equity Consultant, the amendment introduces an additional pay step into Band 2 to allow for a consistent increase amongst each of the pay step progressions within the Band.

#### North Huron Deaccessioning Project – Report #11

- Council received the eleventh 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.

#### Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group – Letter – Unwilling Host Declaration

- Council reaffirmed a motion to declare that the Township of North Huron is an unwilling host for any new wind turbine projects within the municipality.

#### North Huron Ice In/Ice Out Policy Update

- Council adopted an updated Ice In/Ice Out Policy for the Township. The updated policy permits the Township to consider offering pre-season ice at the North Huron Westcast Community Complex in weekly increments following Labour Day and allows the minimum number of hours for ice time to be identified annually through the Fees and Charges By-law review process.

#### Recreation Program Service Agreement with Huron County

- Council authorized the execution of a Recreation Program Service Agreement with Huron County that will subsidize the program registration fees of eligible participants registered in North Huron's recreation day camp programs.

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

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

**Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00PM in the North Huron Council Chambers**

**Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the North Huron Council Chambers**