

Monthly Council Highlights

September 2024

Tuesday, September 3, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting

Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health – Delegation Presentation

- Council received a presentation from representatives from Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health about the organization's mission and projects.

Huron County Local Immigration Partnership – Delegation Presentation

- Council received a presentation from a representative from the Huron County Local Immigration Partnership regarding immigration statistics in Huron County and the work of the Huron County Local Immigration Partnership Council. As a result of the delegation, Council directed for a staff member to sit on the Huron County Local Immigration Partnership Council as the North Huron representative.

Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) Application

- Council directed for staff to proceed with submitting an application to the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility to designate the Township of North Huron as a Seniors Active Living Centre.

Housing Accelerator Fund Intake 2 Action Plan

- Council approved an action plan as part of the submission of a grant funding application under Intake 2 of the Housing Accelerator Fund. The Action Plan focuses on six initiatives: (1) pre-approved additional residential unit (ARU) designs; (2) phased land acquisition for residential development; (3) subsidized development charges for all residential developers; (4) incentivizing mixed-use buildings; (5) land development incentives; and (6) community improvement plan (CIP) policy expansion.

Community Improvement Plan Amendment

- Council authorized staff to initiate the process required to adopt amendments to the North Huron Community Improvement Plan (CIP). The recommended amendments included expansion of the CIP project area and the addition of five new grant programs.

Wingham Town Hall Theatre Operations

- Council directed for a Request for Expression of Interests (REOI) to be prepared and released for the Wingham Town Hall Theatre operations. The intent of the REOI process is for the Township to receive submissions for the operation of the Wingham Town Hall Theatre by a third party.

Cowbell Brewing Co. – Letter – North Huron Sanitary Sewer System in Blyth

- Council received a letter from Cowbell Brewing Co. regarding the company's interest to connect to the North Huron Sanitary Sewer System in Blyth. Council directed staff to discuss and negotiate the terms and conditions of a draft agreement with Cowbell Brewing Co. regarding a connection to the North Huron Sanitary Sewer System in Blyth and report back to Council.

Strategic Asset Management Policy

- Council adopted an updated Strategic Asset Management Policy for the Township of North Huron. The purpose of the Policy is to formalize the Township's commitment to asset management, align its asset management actions with strategic goals and objectives, and provide direction to guide the Township in carrying out its business, strategic plans and activities.

Adoption of Asset Management Plan

- Council adopted an updated Asset Management Plan for the Township of North Huron. All municipalities are required to adopt asset management plans that include all municipal infrastructure assets under Ontario Regulation 588/17.

Eligible Community Depot Agreement with Circular Materials Ontario

- Council authorized for the execution of an Eligible Community Depot Agreement with Circular Materials Ontario to provide recycling services at North Huron depots. The agreement is required as part of the blue box transition to producer responsibility.

Monday, September 16, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting

Wingham Ironmen Junior C Hockey Club – Delegation Presentation

- Council received a presentation from a representative of the Wingham Ironmen Junior C Hockey Club regarding a proposal for the liquor licensed area at the North Huron Westcast Community Complex for the Wingham Ironmen home games. As a result of the delegation, Council directed for staff to prepare a report on the request for Council's consideration.

Part Lot Control Exemption Application (32-34 Victoria Street West, Wingham)

- Council approved an application for exemption from Part Lot Control for 32-34 Victoria Street, Wingham. This exemption will allow for the creation of two conveyable lots, each with an existing dwelling unit.

Allocation of Monetary Restitution Awarded

- Council directed for the allocation of funds from the monetary restitution awarded to be used to recover the costs associated with the former software annual licensing and towards legal and administrative costs associated with the handling of the matter.

Blyth Library Relocation

- Council directed for staff to proceed with exploring the feasibility of: (1) relocating the Blyth Public Library into the second floor of the Blyth Community Hall and Arena, and (2) refurbishing the second floor of the Blyth Community Hall and Arena to increase the number of facility bookings. Council also directed for the incorporation of funds into the 2025 draft budget for the option selected by Council.

North Huron Childcare Waitlist Priority Criteria

- Council directed for staff to proceed with the implementation of updated childcare waitlist priority criteria, effective immediately. The primary change to the waitlist is the addition of North Huron Full Time Childcare Staff as criterion number one. The intention of the change is to make more childcare spaces available for those on the waitlist by enabling Childcare staff who require childcare to return to work.

Feasibility of Expanding Childcare Services

- Council directed staff to proceed with submitting an application to Huron County for the expansion of Childcare Services in 2024 for Blyth and in 2025 for Wingham and to continue investigating daycare services in both wards.

Sewer and Water Metering and Associated Impacts

- Council directed for the implementation of flat sewer and water rates for the Township of North Huron, effective January 1, 2025. Council also directed for updated Water and Wastewater Financial Plans to be presented for Council's consideration.

Wingham Water Storage and Capacity Update

- Council referred a report regarding the Wingham water storage and capacity update back to staff for further information on the various options available to address the Wingham storage and capacity needs, including costs.

Capital Projects Update Presentation

- Council received an update regarding the status of the 2024 capital projects. It was noted that the majority of the capital projects are completed or are expected to be completed by the end of the year.

North Huron Deaccessioning Project – Report #15

- Council received the fifteenth 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.

North Huron Museum Deaccessioning Project Update

- Council received an update on the status of the North Huron Museum Deaccessioning Project.

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

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, October 7th at 6:00PM in the North Huron Council Chambers

**Town Hall Public Meeting to be held on Thursday, October 10th at 6:00pm
on the 2nd Floor of the Blyth & District Community Centre**

Monday, October 21st at 6:00PM in the North Huron Council Chambers