

Monthly Council Highlights

October 2024

Thursday, October 3, 2024 – Special Council Meeting

BM Ross and Associates Limited - Municipal Drinking Water Systems: Water Storage Considerations – Delegation Presentation

- Council received a presentation from a representative of BM Ross and Associates Limited regarding options for the municipal drinking water storage system for Wingham. Council deferred a decision on the matter to another Special Council meeting and directed staff to bring back a report containing further information.

Monday, October 7, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting

Letter of Support - Canada Community-Building Funds

- Council supported the Municipality of Tweed's resolution which requested that the Federal Government provide a supplement to the allocations provided to municipalities under the AMO Canada Community-Building Funds agreement for 2024-2028 for the same amount that was allocated, effectively doubling the allocation for those years as municipalities are facing a gap in federal infrastructure funding due to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program coming to an end.

Letter of Support - Renovictions and Safe and Adequate Housing

- Council supported the City of Kitchener's resolution which advocated to the Province of Ontario to take additional and meaningful steps to address the increasing problem of Renovictions.

McBurney Funeral Home - Winter Burial Rates – Delegation Presentation

- Council received a presentation from a representative of McBurney Funeral Home regarding the winter burial rates for North Huron. Council noted that they would review the fees as part of the annual Fees and Charges By-law review and directed for a follow up report to be prepared with potential options for the winter burial season's open and closure dates.

B.M. Ross and Associates Limited – Updated Water and Wastewater Works Financial Plans – Delegation Presentation

- Council received a presentation from a representative of B.M. Ross and Associates Limited regarding the updated water and wastewater works financial plans for North Huron. The Plans were updated to reflect Council's decision to implement a flat rate for water and sewer for all residential properties. Council directed for the Drinking Water Financial Plan to be based on an annual increase in revenue of 4.5% and the Wastewater Works Financial Plan to be based on a 10% annual increase in revenue.

Animal Pound Services Agreement with Wingham Veterinary Clinic

- Council adopted an Animal Pound Services Agreement with the Wingham Veterinary Clinic. The agreement outlines the duties and responsibilities of the Township and the Wingham Veterinary Clinic regarding the delivery of animal pound services.

Concession Booth Tender Results

- Council received one proposal for the operation of the North Huron Westcast Community Complex concession booth and one proposal for the operation of the Blyth and District Community Centre concession booth. Council directed staff to draft lease agreements with both applicants and to report back to Council on the level of risk that would occur above the \$5 million liability insurance as it relates to the use of the deep fryers.

Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program Grant Application

- Council approved the submission of an application to the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program for green and accessible retrofits to the North Huron Westcast Community Complex and the Blyth and District Community Centre.

Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Grant Program Application

- Council approved the submission of an application to the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Grant Program for new equipment and retrofits to the North Huron Westcast Community Complex and the Blyth and District Community Centre.

Thursday, October 10, 2024 – Town Hall Public Meeting

- Council held the annual Town Hall Public Meeting at the Blyth & District Community Centre. The Town Hall Public Meeting allowed members of the public to ask North Huron Council Members their questions in a public forum setting.

Monday, October 21, 2024 – Regular Council Meeting

Noise Control Regulation Investigations

- Council received a report containing background information on noise levels, sound measurements, and enforcement of noise regulations, and directed staff to no longer proceed with drafting an update to the Township's Noise By-law to include sound levels/decibel readings.

North Huron Museum Deaccessioning Project – Report #16

- Council received the sixteenth 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 – Direction on Non-Accessioned Items

- Council directed for the non-accessioned items currently contained in the North Huron Museum to be offered to the Huron County Museum and other cultural institutions with the leftover non-accessioned items to be included in a public auction. Any non-accessioned items remaining after a public auction would be destroyed in accordance with the Township's Deaccessioning Policy.

Wingham Town Hall Theatre Operations Expression of Interest Results

- Council received the expression of interest results for the operation of the Wingham Town Hall Theatre by a third party and directed staff to draft a Town Hall Theatre Operations Service Agreement with a private production company that submitted the only proposal.

Mid-Term Council Bus Tour

- Council directed for the organization and hosting of a mid-term half day bus tour for Council before the end of 2024 to provide an update on capital projects that are underway and projects that need to be considered before the end of this term of Council.

Petition – Blyth Library Relocation

- A petition was presented to Council on the potential relocation of the Blyth library to the second floor of the Blyth and District Community Centre. Council received the petition for information purposes.

Blyth BIA Board - Letter - Request to Change Blyth BIA Meetings Location

- Council received correspondence from the Blyth BIA Board requesting to relocate Blyth BIA meetings to 422 Queen Street, Blyth. After consideration, Council denied the request and directed for the meetings to be relocated to the first-floor smaller meeting room at the Blyth and District Community Centre to address the Board's concerns related to acoustics at the current meeting location.

Deregulation of Taxicabs and Other Vehicles-for-Hire

- Council repealed the North Huron Taxi By-law. As of October 21, 2024, the Township of North Huron no longer licenses or regulates the drivers and owners of taxicabs and other vehicles for hire within the North Huron municipal boundaries.

Legislative Changes to Pre-Consultation By-law and Site Plan Control By-law

- Council adopted an updated Pre-Consultation By-law and an updated Site Plan Control By-law. The purpose of the updates was to implement legislative changes required under Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*.

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

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, November 4th at 6:00PM in the North Huron Council Chambers

Monday, November 18th at 6:00PM in the North Huron Council Chambers