



# The Corporation of the Township of North Huron

## Monthly Council Highlights

*December 2022*

### **December 5, 2022 Regular Council Meeting**

#### *2022 Staff Service Awards Presentation - Full-time Staff*

- Council presented the following full-time staff with years of service awards for 2022:

#### **5 Years:**

- Janessa Campbell, Early Childhood Educator
- Dwayne Evans, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk
- Josh Machan, Public Works Lead Hand
- Ken Mathers, Public Works Facilities Operator
- Jordan Murray, Roads Operator
- Tiffany Seip, Supervisor/Early Childhood Educator
- Kelsey Strong, Early Childhood Educator

#### **10 Years:**

- Micah Loder, Recreation Operator
- Nathan O'Neil, Roads Operator

#### **15 Years:**

- Trisha McLean, Manager of Childcare Services
- Lori Vader, Early Childhood Educator

#### **20 Years:**

- Melissa Scott, Fitness Supervisor

Congratulations to all staff and thank you for your many years of service!

#### *Schedule of 2023 Regular Council Meetings*

- Council approved the 2023 Schedule for Regular Meetings of Council. Regular Meetings of Council will continue to be held at 6:00pm in the North Huron Town Hall Theatre.

#### *Appointment of Alternate to County Council*

- Council approved the appointment of Deputy Reeve Falconer as the alternate to Reeve Heffer at Huron County Council. This appointment will allow for the Township of North Huron to continue to be represented at County Council if Reeve Heffer is unable to attend a meeting.

#### *Appointments to Boards and Committees for 2022-2026 Term of Council*

- Council determined their appointments to local boards and external committees for the 2022-2026 Term of Council. Council is hopeful that these appointments will provide representation and support the governance of the Township.



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### *Update on Restricted Acts of Council (Lame Duck Periods) – Delegation of Authority*

- Council received a report regarding actions taken by the CAO during the period of August 19, 2022 to November 21, 2022 on Restricted Acts of Council (“Lame Duck Periods”). Stemming from the report, Council approved the following appointments:
  - Chris Townes - Director of Finance/Treasurer
  - Julie Wheeler - Deputy Treasurer/Payroll Clerk
  - Kent Readman - Fire Chief
  - Chip Wilson - Interim Director of Public Works and Facilities

### *Business Improvement Area Governance and Constitutions*

- Council received a report from the Economic Development Officer regarding the Blyth and Wingham Business Improvement Area (BIA) Governance and Constitutions. Council requested that the Economic Development Officer present the draft BIA constitutions at the BIA Annual General Meetings, and report back to Council with feedback from the BIA's.

## **December 16, 2022 Budget Meeting**

### *2023 Draft Budget*

- Council received the first draft of the budget for 2023. Council directed staff to prepare a follow-up report to allow for Council to conduct a review of discretionary services to potentially reduce the impact of the 2023 budget and to allow for better maintenance of Township infrastructure.

### *2023 Donation Requests*

- Council reviewed the donation requests received for 2023 and directed for the following donations to be included in the second draft of the 2023 budget:
  - Huron County Plowmen's Association - \$150.00
  - Elementary School Fair - \$300.00
  - North Huron Community Food Share - \$2,500.00.

### *Pre-Budget Approval Requests*

- Council authorized two pre-budget approval requests. The pre-budget approvals were for the continued implementation of Laserfiche and the continuation of website services.



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### **December 19, 2022 Regular Council Meeting**

#### *2022 Staff Service Awards Presentation - Part-time Staff*

- Council presented the following part-time staff with years of service awards for 2022:

#### **5 Years:**

- Sarah Caldwell, Early Childhood Educator
- Julie Chester, Early Childhood Educator
- Ellen Cook, Early Childhood Educator
- Julia Jacobs, Fitness Instructor and Personal Trainer
- Jami Murray, Early Childhood Educator
- Michael Roess, Fire Prevention Officer
- Brittany Weber, Early Childhood Educator

#### **15 Years:**

- Carol MacPherson, Early Childhood Educator
- Carol Phillips, Fitness Instructor and Personal Trainer
- Jim Saint, Recreation Operator
- Maria Walden, Early ON Facilitator

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#### *Committee of Council Request – 2024 Wingham Homecoming*

- Council received a delegation presentation from representatives for the 2024 Wingham Homecoming. Council directed staff to establish a Committee of Council for the 2024 Wingham Homecoming and to prepare a draft Terms of Reference for Council's consideration.

#### *Tender Results for Howson Dam Decommissioning*

- Council received and reviewed the tender results for the decommissioning of the Howson Dam. Council awarded the decommissioning of the Howson Dam to Roubos Farm Services Limited in the amount of \$1,036,777.60. The project will be funded through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF), the Howson Dam Reserve fund, and the Westario Reserve Fund. There will be no impact on taxation as a result of the project.

#### *Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Application – 206 A and B Josephine Street*

- Council approved a Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Application for 206 A and B Josephine Street, in Wingham. The Commercial Façade Improvement Grant program supports the revitalization of commercial façades within the Community Improvement Plan Project Areas.



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### *Appointment of Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) and Alternate CEMC*

- Council appointed Chad Kregar, Huron County Emergency Management Coordinator, as the Township of North Huron's Community Emergency Management Coordinator, and Kent Readman, North Huron Fire Chief, as the Township of North Huron's Alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinator.

### *Emergency Management Plan Update*

- Council adopted an updated Emergency Management Plan for the Township for North Huron.

### *Municipality of Morris-Turnberry - Belgrave Water System*

- Council received a letter from the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry providing notice that Morris-Turnberry is exercising the termination provision in the agreement for the Belgrave Water System. Council directed the CAO to prepare a follow up report regarding the matter.

### *Closed Session – Expression of Interest Results for Hutton Heights*

- In Closed Session, Council received the Expression of Interest Results for Hutton Heights. Council directed staff to continue receiving applications on an ongoing basis.

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

**Next Regular Council Meeting to be held January 2023:  
Monday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the North Huron Town Hall Theatre**