

# Monthly Council Highlights

July 2024

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

### *Letter of Support – Request to Ontario Ministry of Health to Pause Service Level Reductions*

- Council supported the County of Bruce’s resolution which requested for the Ontario Ministry of Health to pause service level reductions at local hospitals.

### *Continuous Improvement Fund – Blue Box Transition Process – Delegation Presentation*

- Council received a presentation from a representative of the Continuous Improvement Fund explaining the transition of the Blue Box program to full producer responsibility for recycling.

### *Notice of Request for Improvement – Snell Municipal Drain*

- Council received a Notice of Request for Drain Improvement for the Snell Municipal Drain and directed for notice of Council’s intent to proceed with the improvement to be sent to the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and the party who requested the improvement as per Section 78 of the Drainage Act.

### *Allocation of Museum Donation*

- Council was provided with a follow up report regarding the museum donation previously discussed at the April 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting. Council directed for the transfer of all funds from the Museum Operations Fundraising bank account to be transferred to Huron County for the preserving and sharing of North Huron’s heritage.

### *Wingham Sidewalk Extension Project – Josephine Street Update*

- Council directed for a transfer of funds from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve Fund to provide the additional funds required to top up the Josephine Street Sidewalk Project.

### *Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Application – 206 Josephine Street*

- Council approved a Commercial Façade Improvement Grant Application for 206 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.

### *Wingham BIA Board Appointment*

- Council adopted an updated by-law to appoint Members to Boards and Committees for the 2022-2026 Term of Council. The updated by-law ratifies the appointment of a new member to the Wingham BIA Board.

#### *Wingham Town Hall Theatre Rental Policy*

- Council adopted a Wingham Town Hall Theatre Rental Policy for the Township of North Huron. The purpose of the Policy is to outline standards that provide a fair and transparent process for service delivery for the rental of the Wingham Town Hall Theatre by all individuals, organizations, groups and corporations.

#### *Lease Agreement with AMDSB for Before and After School Program*

- Council authorized for the execution of a lease agreement with the Avon Maitland District School Board for the use of space at the Maitland River Elementary School for Before and After School Programs for the 2024/2025 school year.

#### *Municipal Funding Agreement for Canada Community-Building Fund*

- Council authorized for the execution of the Canada Community-Building Fund payment agreement. The fund is distributed through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and provides municipalities with crucial funding for projects related to local infrastructure priorities.

#### *Amendment to Fees and Charges By-law*

- Council adopted an amendment to the North Huron Fees and Charges By-law. The amendment includes the addition of a deposit for recreation membership fobs to cover the cost of replacement fobs when they are not returned.

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

#### *Appointment of Director of Public Works & Facilities*

- Council appointed Dax McAllister as the Director of Public Works & Facilities and welcomed him to his new role with the Township.

#### *Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition – Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition Regional Collaborative Partnership - Delegation Presentation*

- Council received a presentation regarding the Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition. The Coalition's role is to convey the message of the region's role in the isotope ecosystem to federal and provincial governments, policymakers and leaders in healthcare. Council directed for North Huron to join the Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition as a Regional Collaborative Partner.

#### *Zoning By-law Amendment Application Z02-24 and Plan of Subdivision Application 40T24001 – Follow Up Report*

- Council recommended to the County of Huron that the Plan of Subdivision Application 40T24001 be granted draft plan approval with conditions. Council also approved the Zoning By-law Amendment Application Z02-24 subject to a revision to increase the exterior side yard setback for attached garages on corner lots. The purpose of these planning applications is to facilitate residential development in Hutton Heights.

*Public Input/Public Comment Agenda Item – Comparator Analysis Report*

- Council directed for an amendment to be made to the Procedure By-law to remove the “Public Comment Section” as a standing agenda item for regular Council meetings. With the amendment, members of the public desirous of providing comment will be directed to one of the Township’s other public input mechanisms such as: appearing as a delegation, submitting correspondence to Council, or emailing/phoning Council Members in advance of the meeting.

*North Huron Deaccessioning Project – Report #13*

- Council received the thirteenth 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.

*Adoption of Human Resources Policy Manual*

- Council adopted an updated North Huron Human Resources Policy Manual. The purpose of the updates is to make amendments to the Sick/Medical Time Policy and to add a Flexible Working Arrangements Policy and an Employee Engagement and Wellness Policy to the Manual. These policies will form the Township of North Huron’s Attraction and Retention Strategy.

*Motion to Reconsider – Outstanding Invoice for Wingham Columbus Centre Hall Project*

- Council passed a motion to reconsider its previous decision on the outstanding invoice for the Wingham Columbus Centre Hall Project. Council directed the Wingham Columbus Centre to provide the Township with \$74,145.91 to be used to pay the invoice. Council also directed for staff to amend the Pledge Payment Agreement between the Knights of Columbus Council 7569 and the Township of North Huron to reduce the pledge amount owing by \$74,145.91.

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**Schedule of Upcoming Meetings:**

**Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the North Huron Council Chambers**