



# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

# REPORT

Item No.

**REPORT TO:** Reeve Vincent and Members of Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Donna White  
**DATE:** 15/05/2017  
**SUBJECT:** May 2017 Activity Report  
**ATTACHMENTS:**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby accepts the Department Activity Report from the Director of Finance dated May 15, 2017 which is received for information purposes.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Director of Finance provides periodic updates to council on activities within the Finance Department on a monthly basis.

## **DISCUSSION**

1. Gas Tax Legacy Fund - North Huron will receive an additional \$2,628.75 as a one-time payment from the Federal Government which comes from uncommitted funds from older federal infrastructure programs. This amount is to be spent using the same criteria as the annual Gas Tax Allocation.
2. Annual Report for Court Security/Prisoner Transport has been filed with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services.
3. 2017 Capping – In 1998, the Province of Ontario introduced the Tax Capping program to protect commercial, industrial and multi-residential properties from significant property tax increases. This program was cumbersome to administer and in 2017 there are no capped properties for Huron County. Huron County exited capping for Commercial properties last year, and is eligible to exit Multi-Residential in 2017. The phase out for Industrial properties will be initiated this year and therefore the County will be in a position to exit capping entirely for 2018.
4. Multi Year Budgeting - the Director participated in a multi-year budget webinar and will continue to research the positive impacts of a multi-year budget.
5. Staff are working on an update for the Memorial Hall project.
6. Staff are working on entering the 2017 budget numbers into Keystone to generate year to date reports.
7. 51 Tax Certificates have been issued to date in 2017.
8. Properties that are three years in arrears have been sent a registered letter. There are 20 properties. Payment must be made by May 31, 2017 to avoid having a Tax Arrears Certificate registered against the property.
9. 30 customers have signed up for ebilling.
10. The Municipality of Neebing had requested support for a resolution in regard to Carbon Tax Credits for Municipalities. There was limited information provided and the Director requested further information from Neebing on the matter and no response has been received. Therefore, no further action is recommended at this time.
11. The 2016 Financial Statements will be presented at the June 19, 2017 Council meeting by the auditor.

12. The Annual Gas Tax Reporting documents have been filed.
13. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities have announced a new Asset Management Funding program. Applications will be accepted up until June 2020. Staff will begin research to determine what type of application can be submitted.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

N/A

**FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

N/A

**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal # 4 – Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.



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Donna White, Director of Finance



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Sharon Chambers, CAO