



# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

# REPORT

Item No.

**REPORT TO:** Reeve Vincent and Members of Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Pat Newson, Director of Recreation and Facilities  
**DATE:** 04/07/2017  
**SUBJECT:** Recreation and Facilities 07-04-2017 Department update  
**ATTACHMENTS:** none

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the Activity Report of the Director of Recreation and Facilities, dated July 4, 2017, for information purposes.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Director of Recreation and Facilities provides a monthly report of department activities and ongoing projects to keep Council informed.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Blyth Memorial Community Hall**

The facility has been turned over to the tenants, however staff continue to work through some of the final project details. The Blyth Festival has their season grand opening Friday June 30. Project wrap up will continue through the summer. The Blyth Memorial Community Hall Renovation Committee hosted a Sneak Peak Contractor Thank you night at the facility on Thursday June 29, 2017. Reeve Vincent brought greetings on behalf of North Huron.

### **Membership Report**

Council requested a North Huron Westcast Community Complex membership report. After discussing the request with staff, we are proposing that the report will come to Council at budget time in the fall. A lot of the information is gathered to prepare for upcoming budgets, and the report will be prepared at this time for Council.

### **Airport Study**

Huron County has hired Explorer Solutions to look at options for both the Wingham Richard W. LeVan Airport and the Goderich Airport. The County issued an RFP for the work, and the winning proposal was from Explorer Solutions. Huron County Economic Development Department is the lead on this study, and funding has come from the Huron County Economic Development Department.

Huron County is looking to analyze potential opportunities for new revenue streams to reduce operating costs and potentially create a revenue source for both the Town of Goderich and North Huron at their respective airports. Opportunity analysis should include, but is not expected to be limited to

- Expanded tenant opportunities
- Farm-land revenues
- Forest-land revenues
- Aeronautics industry expansion/diversification opportunities

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- Potential shared services options between both airports
- Additional hangar sales or lease opportunities
- Information on the airports replacement value, life expectancy of the asset, maintenance plan and funding that needs to be placed in reserves annually to maintain and replace the asset at their end of life expectancy.

Explorer Solutions is hosting a local focus group on Wednesday July 19 and setting up one on one interviews with airport and local business stakeholders. The interviews and focus group is by invitation. To date Explorer solutions have visited the Wingham and Goderich airports, Huron County hosted a kick off meeting with the stakeholders of the study, and Tetra Tech engineers are scheduled for a site visit at the Richard W. LeVan Airport for the week of July 3. The final report will be circulated the week of November 6, 2017.

#### Wingham Community Trail Project

The Wingham Trail Committee has secured funding through the TD Tree Days program. Staff have reviewed the plan and are supportive of the new plantings along the trail. The plantings are low maintenance and will reduce grass cutting, and provide naturalized beautification along the trail. There are two planting locations as part of the program, one is located near the Lion's Pavilion in the parks, and the other is located further south on the trail from that location. All the labour and funding for the program is provided by the Trail Committee and the TD Tree Days program. Staff will provide support as needed, however the bulk of the work is being completed by others.

#### Threshers Log Cabin

The Threshers received their building permit to proceed with the project to add a veranda onto their Log Cabin. They are working directly with Dave Cook, Facility Manager, to establish their work schedule and public safety plan during construction.

#### Transfigured Town Inc. Event

Staff are meeting weekly with Transfigured Town Inc. for the Festival of Wizardry event, proposed to be held at the Blyth Campground October 14 & 15, 2017. To date planning is going smoothly and staff will present details of the event plan at the July 17, 2017 Council meeting. There is a detailed schedule of plans required to be submitted to staff by Transfigured Town Inc. They have met those submission deadlines and staff are currently reviewing each of the plans and are encouraged by the level of detail and planning associated with each. Staff can report that the planning process is going very well.

#### Wingham Museum Feasibility Study

Allan Avis Architects have been hired to perform a building feasibility study for the North Huron Museum. The budget for this project was \$15,000. The proposal is in two phases with a total project cost of \$11,450 plus reimbursable expenses. The timing is to have results to Council prior to budget deliberations.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

None

### **FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

Next department update report is Tuesday August 8, 2017.

### **RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Our community is Healthy and Safe

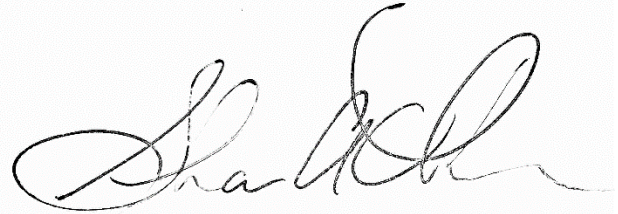
Our community is attractive and welcoming to new businesses and residents.

Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.



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