



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Kathy Adams, Clerk
DATE: 17/07/2017
SUBJECT: Clothing Donation Bins
ATTACHMENTS: Wingham BIA Letter

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the report from the Clerk on Clothing Donation Bins for information purposes.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On July 5, 2017 the Clerk received a letter from the Wingham BIA requesting that North Huron Council enact a by-law to prohibit Clothing Donation Bins from being placed anywhere within the Town of Wingham with the exception of the Wingham Salvation Army Thrift Store bins.

DISCUSSION

Currently there are bins at two locations in the Ward of Wingham – behind the Salvation Army Thrift Store on Josephine Street and at Wingham Foodland on David Street. I have talked to the Manager at Foodland and he has given permission to the Clothesline - Diabetes Association for the placement of this bin. He notifies the Association if the bin should become full before their scheduled pickup and they are there the next day. He also cleans up any debris and puts it in the store dumpster. He would like to retain the bin at this location.

In the past there have been two other bins, one in the Municipal Parking Lot behind C. E. MacTavish and the other on the former Cullen property. Currently there are no bins at either of these locations. Staff have removed the bin from the Municipal Lot and called the number on the bin but have been unable to make contact or determine the organization. The owner of the Cullen property has been contacted to determine if they approved the placement of this bin. It is suggested that any bins that are placed on Municipality property or placed without permission of the landowner, with the permission of the landowner, be removed by Municipal staff.

In reviewing By-laws from other municipalities, clothing donation bins are regulated by the issuing of annual licences and with established requirements for eligibility, location and conditions of the bins.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No financial impact at this time.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Council may wish to establish a by-law to regulate Clothing Donation Bins, taking into consideration the financial impact that licensing these bins would have on not for profit organizations who use the clothing donations from these bins to sustain the operation of their thrift stores.

Such a By-law should not be restrictive to one Ward but regulate the placement of bins for the entire Township.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #1 – Our community is attractive and welcoming to new businesses and residents.

Goal #2 – Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.

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Kathy Adams, Clerk

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Larry McGregor,
Interim CAO/Director of Public Works