



## 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:** 06/11/2017  
**SUBJECT:** Wingham Cenotaph Stair Railing  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Proposed Stair Drawing, photos of cenotaph steps

---

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby approve the proposed plan by the Wingham BIA to install a railing on the lower steps of the Wingham Cenotaph for the purpose of improving accessibility.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Wingham BIA have requested permission to install a railing on the lower steps of the cenotaph. This report outlines the details of that request.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Wingham Cenotaph is accessed by stairs that are in two sets (lower and upper) with a landing separating them. There is no building code requiring a railing, however the Wingham BIA would like to install stair railing to improve accessibility.

The Cenotaph is owned and maintained by the Township of North Huron, however it is typical that the Wingham Legion is consulted on any changes that would be made to the cenotaph. The Wingham BIA approached the Wingham Legion, and the Legion was compliant to have a railing installed on the lower set of steps. A railing on the upper steps would interfere with the placement of wreaths around the monument and for safety of those standing around the monument during the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11.

A drawing of the proposed railing is attached along with a photo of the steps. The Wingham BIA is paying for the material and installation, and it is our understanding that project materials are being donated. There is no expense to the Township except that this railing will become property of the Township and will be the responsibility of the Township to maintain. The material being used is stainless steel so life expectancy is likely 10-20 years.

The objective is to have the railing installed by November 11, 2017 for Remembrance Day.

The Building Department has reviewed the drawing and commented that the sketch meets OBC requirement.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact to the Township of North Huron.

### **FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

Ongoing maintenance is the only concern in the future for the Township. Since the railing is not required by the Building Code, if the railing became a large maintenance item, or at the end of its life use, then it could be removed. Staff do not anticipate a maintenance issue.

### **RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

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

Our community is healthy and safe.

Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.



---

Pat Newson, Director of Recreation and  
Facilities



---

Dwayne Evans, CAO