



## TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

## REPORT

Item No.

**REPORT TO:** Reeve Vincent and Members of Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Dwayne Evans, CAO  
**DATE:** 06/11/2017  
**SUBJECT:** Economic Development Committee Appointment  
**ATTACHMENTS:**

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report of the CAO, dated November 6, 2017 regarding appointments to the North Huron Economic Development Committee;

AND FURTHER THAT Council adopts By-law 103-2017 which appoints the following individuals to the Economic Development Committee; Councillor Trevor Seip, Councillor Bill Knott, Karen Stewart (Blyth BIA representative), Glen Manjin (Wingham BIA representative); Dave Tiffin (Financial sector representative, Wingham Ward) and Murray Simpson (Construction sector representative, Wingham Ward);

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves an exception to Section 19.1 of the Procedural By-Law to allow By-Law 103-2017 to be passed at the November 6, 2017 Council meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At the regular October 2, 2017 meeting, Council passed By-law 87-2017 establishing the North Huron Economic Development Committee. At the same meeting, Council authorized staff to invite the Blyth BIA and the Wingham BIA to appoint a representative to the committee. Council also authorized an ad be placed inviting applications from the public.

An advertisement inviting application was placed in the October 11<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 editions of the Wingham Advance Times and the October 12<sup>th</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup> editions of The Citizen, respectively. The ad was also placed on the Township's website and social media account. Applicants were asked to submit their letters of interest to the Township by 4:00 p.m. on October 27<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Two letters of interest from the public were received by the deadline. No additional letters of interest have been received. At the October 16, 2017 regular meeting, Council passed a motion appointing Councillors Seip and Knott as their representatives. The Blyth BIA passed a motion appointing Karen Stewart as their representative and at the November 2, 2017 meeting, the Wingham BIA passed a motion appointing Glen Manjin as their representative.

### **DISCUSSION**

As stated in the Terms of Reference approved by Council, the mandate of this committee is to enhance the economic opportunities as well as the quality of life for all Township residents. The Economic Development Committee provides comments on the implementation of the Economic Development Plan, and will recommend to Council on matters related to economic development, marketing, and business attraction/Retention. The Committee will promote and maintain

communication with Council in an advisory role and will work with other levels of government and boards that promote job creation.

In making public sector appointments to the committee, the Terms of Reference direct that Council shall have regard for the diversity of business interests and qualifications of citizen candidates for the Committee and to have representation from all wards of the Township. The letters of interest received favour the Wingham ward however, demonstrate an interest in a municipal economic development committee. Work of the committee may generate additional membership interest. For this reason, it is suggested Council continue to consider applications as they are received.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

With prior approval from the Committee, Council and staff may be reimbursed for travel and other expenses for projects incurred in the performance of duties specifically requested by the committee. Rates paid will be consistent with rates paid to Township of North Huron employees. At the regular September 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 meeting, Council passed a report indicating they would allocate \$2,500 to the Economic Development Committee for the 2018 budget.

#### **FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 1: We foster a positive business environment that retains, promotes, and attracts businesses and investment.

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Dwayne Evans, CAO