



## TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

## REPORT

Item No.

**REPORT TO:** Reeve Vincent and Members of Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Dwayne Evans, CAO  
**DATE:** 15/01/2018  
**SUBJECT:** Economic Development Committee Request  
**ATTACHMENTS:** North Huron Economic Development Strategic Plan 2016-2019

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby approves the North Huron Economic Development Committee's request and directs staff to prepare a status report on goals 5.1 and 5.2 contained in the North Huron Economic Development Strategic Plan, 2016-2019;

AND FURTHER, that the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby requests staff to include the status report on the February 5, 2018 regular Council meeting agenda;

AND FURTHER, that the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby authorizes staff to share the status report with the North Huron Economic Development Committee at their February 1, 2018 meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The newly established North Huron Economic Development Committee has held two meetings; December 7, 2017 and January 4, 2018, respectively. The minutes of the December 7, 2017 meeting were approved at the January 4, 2018 meeting and are included on the January 15, 2018 regular Council meeting agenda.

At their January 4, 2018 meeting, the following motion was passed:

Moved by: Karen Stewart

Seconded by: Councillor Knott

That the North Huron Economic Development Committee hereby requests Township of North Huron Council direct staff to prepare a status report on goals 5.1 (Business Attraction and Retention) and 5.2 (Attracting a More Highly Skilled Workforce), respectively, contained in the North Huron Economic Development Strategic Plan, 2016-2019 (attached).

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### **DISCUSSION**

At their December 7, 2017 meeting, there was a brief discussion by the North Huron Economic Development Committee regarding the Township's Economic Development Strategic Plan and the need to remove roadblocks for developers. At the request of the committee, a copy of the Strategic Plan was placed on the January 4, 2018 committee meeting agenda.

At the January 4, 2018 meeting there was a discussion regarding the focus and mandate of the committee. Based on a review of the Strategic Plan, it was suggested Business Attraction and

Retention (Goal 5.1) and Attracting a More Highly Skilled Workforce (Goal 5.2) should be the focus of the committee. It was noted the Economic Development Strategic Plan identifies a number of strategic directions for each of these two goals however, the status of each of direction is unknown. The committee requested a staff update on goals 5.1 and 5.2.

As explained to the committee, staff take direction from Council. It was suggested the committee pass a motion requesting Council direct staff to prepare a status report on goals 5.1 and 5.2 and that Council authorize staff to share the report with the committee at their February 1, 2018 meeting.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Staff time will be required to prepare this report.

#### **FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

The North Huron Economic Development Committee may request a re-allocation of the Township's existing economic development resources and/or additional funds to undertake projects.

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

Goal #1-Our community is attractive to new business and residents.

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Dwayne Evans, CAO