



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Richard Al, Clerk / Manager of IT
DATE: 19/03/2018
SUBJECT: OSUM Conference Registrations
ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the March 19, 2018 report of the Clerk/Manager of IT for information purposes;

AND FURTHER, that direction is provided to staff regarding how Council would like to proceed with the registrations.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has committed to sending a minimum of two Council representatives to the upcoming OSUM conference. Interested Council members have responded however, for these members to attend an exception to By-law 03-2010 would be required.

DISCUSSION

Section 9. of By-law 03-2010 reads

9. That Council Members shall be permitted to attend one (1) conference/convention per year. Council Members may attend additional conferences/conventions providing the request is approved by Resolution of Council.

During the February 20, 2018 Council Meeting, the following resolution was passed, affirming Council's support of OSUM as well as committing a minimum of two Council representatives to attend the OSUM conference.

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MOVED BY: B. Vodden

SECONDED BY: B. Knott

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby supports the nomination of the CAO of the Township of North Huron, Dwayne Evans, as an administrative member to the OSUM Executive Committee for a two year period effective May 2, 2018 and if elected or acclaimed, commits to sending a minimum of two Council representatives to attend the OSUM conference annually;

AND FURTHER, that if elected or acclaimed, associated expenses to attend OSUM Executive Committee meetings approximately three times per year and the OSUM annual conference be reimbursed to the CAO.

CARRIED

Registration for the OSUM conference, scheduled for May 2 – 4, 2018 in Niagara Falls, is now open. Councillors interested in attending the conference have been requested to let staff know so that registrations and accommodations can be booked.

Thus far, Reeve Vincent and Councillor Ritsema-Teeninga have expressed interest in attending the conference. Both of these Council members have attended a previous conference in 2018 and as such, would require a motion of Council to permit attending an additional conference.

Should Council choose to grant an exception to By-law 03-2010, permitting Reeve Vincent and Councillor Ritsema-Teeninga to attend an additional conference in 2018, the following motions could be considered:

Motion 1:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby supports Reeve Vincent's request to attend the 2018 OSUM conference and permits an exception to By-law 03-2010, to allow Reeve Vincent to attend an additional conference/convention.

Motion 2:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby supports Councillor Ritsema-Teeninga's request to attend the 2018 OSUM conference and permits an exception to By-law 03-2010, to allow Councillor Ritsema-Teeninga to attend an additional conference/convention.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost for registration is \$563.87 (including HST) per delegate which includes meals. In addition, special rate accommodations are available at the Sheraton on the Falls Hotel and Conference Centre starting at \$159 per night.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

None at this time.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #4 – Our municipality is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.



Richard Al, Clerk / Manager of IT



Dwayne Evans, CAO