



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Richard AI, Clerk / Manager of IT
DATE: 07/05/2018
SUBJECT: Blyth BIA Updated Constitution and Levy
ATTACHMENTS: Blyth BIA Letter, Constitution Revised 2018

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the May 7, 2018 report of the Clerk / Manager of IT entitled Blyth BIA Updated Constitution and Levy, for information;

AND FURTHER, that the Clerk is directed to prepare the necessary by-laws to adopt the Blyth BIA updated constitution and minimum / maximum levy changes.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of a request received from the Blyth BIA to adopt a revised constitution for the Blyth BIA as well as updated minimum and maximum levy rates.

DISCUSSION

Constitution

The Blyth and Wingham BIAs had been meeting on a regular basis to discuss and work toward modernized and consistent constitutions for both BIAs. The Blyth BIA during their Annual General Meeting on February 22, 2018 passed motion BBIA 06-18 to amend the BBIA's constitution.

Levy

The Blyth BIA levy minimum and maximum rates were discussed at the BIA's Annual General Meeting on February 22, 2018 and likewise motion BBIA 04.5-18 was passed which proposed a minimum membership fee of \$125 and a maximum membership fee of \$250.

Subsequently, Blyth BIA Chair Karen Stewart provided a letter dated May 2, 2018 (attached to this report), requesting that Council adopt the updated constitution as well as the revised minimum and maximum levy rates.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Blyth BIA budget is funded through a levy on Blyth businesses for that purpose. On August 8th, 2017, Council adopted the Blyth BIA 2017 budget which provided for a levy of \$6,600. The proposed change to the levy minimum and maximums would increase that figure to \$7,500 for 2018.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Should Council choose to support these requests, the necessary by-laws to adopt an updated constitution and levy minimum/maximum for the Blyth BIA would be prepared for the May 22, 2018 Council Meeting.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

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

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



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