RECOMMENDATION:
THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the report of the Director of Public Works, dated August 13th, 2018 regarding investigation of potential sites for the Wingham Standpipe Relocation for information;

AND FURTHER, THAT staff be authorized to investigate the availability of operationally suitable properties.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
A structural review of the Wingham Standpipe was completed by RJ Burnside in 2015. Through this inspection a number of issues surrounding the standpipe were identified.

A Request for Proposal (RFP 2016-002) was released to secure the services of an Engineering Firm to assist in guiding the municipality through an Environmental Assessment process and to provide recommendations for the Wingham Standpipe.

One of the options to be considered through the EA process is the replacement of the existing standpipe with a new elevated storage tank. This option can only be fully investigated once a suitable site has been identified.

DISCUSSION
After consideration of a number of locations, the BM Ross engineering team assigned to this project determined that there were operationally viable locations for a new standpipe. In order to consider any location in the EA process, staff need to determine whether the location(s) are available.

If authorized to do so, staff will approach property owners to determine the availability of property.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
None at this time.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS
Based on the findings of the 2015 standpipe condition assessment, the EA process should progress without undo delay.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN
This project relates to Goal No. 4 of the Strategic Plan in that the administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence,