

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON



REPORT TO:	Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY:	Sean McGhee, Director of Public Works
DATE:	17/09/2018
SUBJECT:	Blyth Memorial Hall Topiary Placement Request
ATTACHMENTS:	May 7, 2018 BIA Delegation Presentation, Topiary Maintenance Agreement,
	Placement Map

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the report of the Director of Public Works, dated September 17th, 2018 regarding placement of an ornamental Topiary on Blyth Memorial Hall property for information;

AND FURTHER, THAT installation of the Topiary be authorized to proceed.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Blyth BIA attended North Huron Council on May 7th, 2018 to introduce and present a partnership between the BIA and Pick A Posie to install a Topiary Statue on the Blyth Memorial Hall property. The statute is a metal framed figure of a male and female to be built up with seasonal plants and greenery. The statutes will have an opening where people and visitors can show their face for photo opportunities.

While the statute will be situated on North Huron property, the Township will not be responsible for the installation, maintenance, and/or upkeep of the art.

An agreement between the Blyth Arts & Cultural Initiative 14/19 and Pick A Posie is attached which addresses all aspects of the project.

DISCUSSION

The statute will be installed by licensed contractors on the North East corner of the property.

Liability insurance for injury associated with the art will be added to the North Huron insurance policy. The Township of North Huron is not assuming any responsibility or liability associated with damage to the topiary under any circumstances.

The project was discussed at the Blyth BIA meeting and with stakeholders. No objections were raised with the project under the proposed arrangement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact to the Township of North Huron relating to this undertaking.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Removal of the Topiary is addressed in the agreement between the Blyth Arts & Cultural Initiative 14/19 and Pick A Posie. See attached.

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,

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