



# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

# REPORT

Item No.

**REPORT TO:** Reeve Vincent and Members of Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Kelly Church  
**DATE:** 07/03/2016  
**SUBJECT:** Public Works Activity Report  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Joint tender for maintenance gravel Morris-Turnberry and North Huron

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the March 7<sup>th</sup> 2016 Activity Report of the Public Works Department for information purposes.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Public Works Department provides monthly updates to Council on activities within the Department.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **1. Landfill**

MOECC directed work to commence second week in March and will be completed by April 30<sup>th</sup>. A drilling company has been directed by Burnside engineering to install two new wells on the north road allowance. A meeting with the landowner to inform them of the scheduled work and also to investigate a possible former landfill site on their property that was previously flagged by the Ministry. An extra \$24,350.00 has been added to the budget to complete the work required by the MOECC. Staff continues to strive for efficiencies in landfilling and to deal with the public in a courteous and professional manner.

### **2. Cemetery**

Burials are now housed in the lower level of the chapel at both cemeteries and will be interred during spring internments. Columbarium request for proposal are ready to be sent out to potential suppliers.

### **3. East Wawanosh Ward**

Snow plowing, ice blading and sanding of Township roads is ongoing and as needed. Weather continues to challenge the rural area, wind snow and an abundance of rain and mild weather has been a struggle to maintain consistency on gravel roads, urban centres do not experience the same with asphalt roads. Sanding in Auburn has been split between the three Townships, ACW, Central Huron and North Huron, hired contractor looking after the plowing and the sanding was split up between the three Townships, North Huron looked after the month of February and both yards of Blyth and East Wawanosh assisted with this trial. Meeting with staff and the other Directors to see if this was successful and the possibility of expanding the service to include the plowing for next year as well. Two plow trucks, trackless sidewalk plow and one half ton patrol truck now equipped with fleet complete tracking devices and are up and running as of March 3<sup>rd</sup>

We have entered into a joint gravel tender with The Township of Morris-Turnberry and advertised the tender in the local papers and on both web sites.  
Staff continues to strive for efficiencies and to deal with the public in a courteous and professional manner.

#### **4. Blyth Ward**

Regular maintenance continues, snow plowing/removal as needed.  
Assist contractor with street light repair.  
Plow truck and sidewalk plow are now equipped with fleet complete tracking devices and are up and running as of March 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Staff continues to strive for efficiencies and to deal with the public in a courteous and professional manner.

#### **5. Wingham Ward**

Regular maintenance continues, snow plowing/removal as needed, due to changing weather conditions the use of sand/salt has increased over past years.  
Two plow trucks, trackless sidewalk plow and one half ton patrol truck now equipped with fleet complete tracking devices and are up and running as of March 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Staff continues to strive for efficiencies and to deal with the public in a courteous and professional manner.  
Assist contractor with street light repair.

#### **Summary of Department**

- Snow plowing/removal maintenance, maintaining the level of service that is required with the manpower and equipment available.
- Hutton Heights LED lights have been installed and I'm in the process of having Hydro One change the billing, for all three sites, Auburn, Belgrave and Hutton Heights.
- Fleet Complete is now installed in all the snow removal equipment, four truck plows, two graders, two sidewalk machines and two patrol ½ tons.
- Attended the ROMA/OGRA conference in Toronto February 21-23.
- Asked to sit on the cycling strategy steering committee for Huron County next meeting May 18
- Continue staff training to work safely through meetings and inspections.
- Ongoing monthly meetings for staff utilization and efficiencies with equipment and material.
- Continue to work with other Townships to find cost savings and efficiencies that can be shared.
- Striving to work swiftly and effectively in a professional and courteous manner when dealing with public concerns/complaints.
- All departments in North Huron continue to work together to be more efficient.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

#### **FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

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

Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.