



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Pat Newson, Director of Recreation and Facilities
DATE: 04/07/2016
SUBJECT: Blyth Arena Board Leaf Account Request for Upgrades to Hydro Boxes at Campground
ATTACHMENTS: none

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby authorize the release of funds from the Blyth Living Tree Reserve Account to upgrade two hydro boxes at the Blyth Campground for the estimated expense of \$1,600.00

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Blyth Arena Board has reviewed the success of the recent upgrades to five of the Campground Hydro Boxes, and would like to contribute funds from the Blyth Leaf Account to upgrade 2 hydro boxes at the Campground in 2016.

DISCUSSION

Five hydro boxes at the Blyth Campground were upgraded from 15 Amp breakers to 20 Amp breakers. By replacing the breakers, the hydro boxes functioned much better during the recent camping events in May and June of 2016.

The old section of the campground is outfitted with 15 Amp breakers that are 30-40 years old. They create ongoing maintenance problems during camping events because they are difficult to re-set, and are worn beyond their life expectancy. As a pilot project with funds from the 2016 municipal budget and a donation from the Barn Dance Society, five boxes were upgraded in the Spring. The outcome was successful and it is recommended that the remaining boxes continue to be upgraded as funds permit.

The Blyth Arena Board has offered to fund the upgrades to two boxes at the Campground. The objective is to have the upgrades completed prior to the Huron Pioneer Thresher's Reunion in September 2016. The Blyth Arena Board made a motion to approve this expense at their last meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost per 6 breaker box is \$800. The request is for an estimated total of \$1,600.

There is no impact to the North Huron operating budget. The funds available in the Blyth Living Tree Reserve Account is \$6,960.07.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

The total number of boxes that are the old breakers is 24. Five have been upgraded in the pilot project. This donation will allow for two more. It is recommended that donations to the Blyth Campground be directed toward this project to eventually upgrade all the boxes.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Our community is attractive and welcoming to new businesses and Residents.
Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.

Pat Newson, Director of Recreation and
Facilities.

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