



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Kathy Adams, Clerk
DATE: 04/07/2016
SUBJECT: Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation
ATTACHMENTS: None.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby approves the Compensation Claim submitted by Margaret Bruton, Lot 42 Concession 6, East Wawanosh Ward as presented;

AND FURTHER that the Council of the Township of North Huron approves the Compensation Claims as follows –

May 23, 2016 Fox Predation in the amount of \$645.00.

May 25, 2016 Coyote Predation in the amount of \$1,395.00

May 27, 2016 Coyote Predation in the amount of \$1,530.00;

AND FURTHER that the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Municipal Application be submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program administered by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) provides financial assistance to producers whose livestock, poultry and honey bees have been damaged by wildlife.

DISCUSSION

The Township of North Huron by by-law appoints a Livestock Evaluator on a yearly basis. Keith Black has been appointed to act as the Township's Livestock Evaluator to investigate reported cases of livestock kills by predators. On May 23, May 25, May 27, 2016 Mr. Black was called to the farm of Margaret & Josh Bruton to investigate three separate cases of lamb kills. 23 lambs were determined to be killed by fox/coyotes and subsequently a claim was filed with the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program through OMAFRA. OMAFRA approved all three claims on June 21, 2016 with a total compensation to the Bruton's of \$3,570.00.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Township is responsible for the initial payment of the livestock claim and the Livestock Evaluator's expenses. As the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program reimburses the Township for these costs, there will be no financial impact on the Township.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

No items for future consideration.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Our community is healthy and safe.

Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.

Kathy Adams, Clerk

Sharon Chambers, CAO