



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: 02/08/2016
SUBJECT: Friends of the Village of Blyth Parks MOU
ATTACHMENTS: Draft Memorandum of Understanding

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the Memorandum of Understanding for the Friends of the Village of Blyth Parks;

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk be directed to prepare an authorizing by-law for the August 22, 2016 Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Friends of the Village of Blyth Parks is a Non-Township Committee and defined as a Volunteer/User Group in the Township of North Huron. These volunteers perform volunteer work on municipal property and establishing a Memorandum of Understanding defines the roles, relationship and responsibilities of both the municipality and this volunteer group.

DISCUSSION

This volunteer group initiated discussions with the Township in 2014. They have established their own working group that volunteers to support beautification projects in the Village of Blyth. The Memorandum of Understanding has been drafted through several meetings with the committee and their Chair, Lissa Kolkman.

The Township appreciates the assistance of these volunteers, and this Memorandum of Understanding provides the foundation for this committee to flourish in the municipality, receive coverage under the Township of North Huron liability insurance policy, and to work cooperatively on beautification projects with the municipality.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The Friends of the Village of Blyth Parks has their own working funds, and are responsible for managing their own accounts and funds. Annually the group meets with staff to review projects that can be supported through the municipal operating budget.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

This group has had success in the short time they have been operating, and the Township hopes to assist the group to continue to thrive in the future.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Our residents are engaged and well informed.

