



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Jeff Molenhuis
DATE: 02/08/2016
SUBJECT: Wingham Post Office Parking - Wingham BIA Request
ATTACHMENTS: None

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the report Wingham Post Office Parking - Wingham BIA Request for information;

AND THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby enact that no further action be taken for parking limitations in front of the Wingham Post Office at this time;

AND THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby direct staff to report back to Council on an enforcement model that can effectively address parking limitations within the By-Law.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the July 18th Council meeting, a request was made by Council to investigate having a 15-minute parking time limit in front of the Wingham Post Office. Currently there are three (3) parking spots in this location, with signs posted for a two (2) hour parking limitation.

By-Law 39-2012 to Regulate and Control of Traffic on the Highways of the Township of North Huron is the By-Law that regulates parking throughout the Township. To change the parking restriction at the Post Office, an update to the By-Law would be necessary. The signs currently displayed at that location would also need to be changed in order to enforce any changes to parking time limitations.

Enforcement within Wingham for the parking component of the current By-Law is undertaken by the Wingham Police, among their various other policing tasks. As part of this report, the Police Chief was consulted on parking enforcement procedures. Feedback received was that with the workload and other mandated tasks for police, enforcement of timed parking spots, in general, is difficult due to the effort necessary for officers to proactively inspect and collect reliable evidence in light of their other policing duties. Because of that, changes to the By-Law with respect to timed parking limitations would not be recommended at this time as enforcement is currently an issue.

DISCUSSION

No further discussion necessary at this time.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No financial impact at this time.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Council may wish to consider future amendments to the By-Law, where they should also consider the Township's ability to effectively enforce parking restrictions presented within the By-Law.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #2 is that Township residents are engaged and well informed. Goal # 4 is that Township administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.

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