



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No. 2021-16

REPORT TO: Reeve Bailey and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Dwayne Evans, CAO
DATE: 09/08/2021
SUBJECT: CAO-2021-16 North Perth-North Huron Family Health Team Board
ATTACHMENTS: None

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the CAO report dated August 9, 2021 regarding the North Perth-North Huron Family Health Team Board;

AND FURTHER, THAT members of Council interested in the Board seat declare their interest.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On April 1, 2021 the North Perth Family Health Team and the North Huron Family Health Team amalgamated to form the North Perth-North Huron Family Health Team. The family health team model was established in the early 2000's by the Ministry of Health to deliver primary care health services in support and complimentary to local physician services. The North Perth Family Health Team was incorporated in 2006 and the North Huron Family Health Team in 2007. Health teams are 100% funded by the Ministry of Health and have charitable status. The North Perth-North Huron Family Health Team provides a range of services such as episodic care, dietitian services, mental health counselling, and pharmacy services.

The North Perth-North Huron Family Health Team is governed by a volunteer board of directors who provide fiduciary and governance oversight in accordance with the funding agreement signed with the Ministry of Health. It is a mixed board and their by-laws stipulate that the board is to be comprised of a municipal representative for the former North Huron Family Health Team and the former North Perth Family Health Team. The Board is also to be comprised of 2-3 physicians, a senior member of the Listowel Wingham Hospital Alliance executive team, a health service partner and 3-4 community members.

The municipalities of Huron-Kinloss, Morris-Turnberry, South Bruce, Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh and North Huron comprise the former North Huron Family Health Team. The Executive Director of the newly amalgamated Family Health Team has asked for one individual from this grouping to be appointed to the Board. The purpose of this report is to determine whether there are any members of Council interested in sitting on the Board.

DISCUSSION

Upon receipt of the Board appointment request, the CAOs of Huron-Kinloss, Morris-Turnberry, South Bruce, Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh and North Huron had some dialogue exchange. A Huron-Kinloss Councillor who is also a member of the Wingham and Area Health Professional Recruitment Committee has expressed an interest in filling the Board seat. Councillor van Hittersum is North Huron's representative on the Recruitment Committee and is aware of this Board appointment request.

The North Perth-North Huron Family Health Team Board meets monthly, with the exception of July and August. The Board currently meets virtually and when in-person meetings resume, the meetings will rotate between Wingham and Listowel.

The CAOs of the municipalities are asking their respective Councils for interest in the Board seat. Similar to other grouping appointments, it is proposed that the seat will be filled on a rotating basis. At this time, members of North Huron Council are asked to declare their interest in this board appointment. If more than one North Huron Councillor is interested in the Board seat, it is recommended consideration be given to nominating one individual. At a future meeting, a follow up report will be presented with a recommended Board appointment for Council's consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

North Huron's Remuneration By-law provides for Council compensation for Committees and Boards.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

As the North Perth-North Huron Family Health Team Board appointment stems from the North Perth Family Health Team and the North Huron Family Health Team amalgamating, no consideration was given to the North Huron Strategic Plan.



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