



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: 03/10/2016
SUBJECT: Department Update
ATTACHMENTS: Blyth Memorial Community Hall Exterior Sign Concept Design

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the Activity Report of the Director of Recreation and Facilities, dated October 3, 2016, for information purposes.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Director of Recreation and Facilities provides a monthly report of department activities and ongoing projects to keep Council informed.

DISCUSSION

North Huron Snowmobile Club Agreement

At the April 18, 2018 Council meeting, staff were directed to consult with the municipal lawyer to draft a revised Snowmobile Club Use of Blyth Greenway Trail Agreement. The agreement was drafted and approved by the Snowmobile Club. The agreement is included in this By-law section of this agenda package for Council's consideration.

Cultural Spaces Contribution Agreement

The Township of North Huron was successful in the grant application to the Minister of Canadian Heritage for the Cultural Spaces Fund. The Township received \$979,907 in funding from the Ministry. These funds are for the Blyth Memorial Community Hall Renovation Project and are directed to support the professional artistic programming undertaken at the Hall. There will be a media release prepared and distributed at the North Huron Council meeting on October 3 to share this exciting news. The grant application was a collaboration between the Township and the Blyth Centre for the Arts. These funds are being applied to the overall project budget of \$3,800,000.

Blyth Memorial Community Hall Renovation Update

Renovation Committee Update:

The Blyth Memorial Community Hall Renovation Committee met on Friday September 23, 2016 to continue the collaboration on the renovation project. The committee continues to work through the items in the cash allowance contingencies for the project such as the wayfinding signage in the building, and the new banner poles. A draft concept for the exterior sign was approved by the committee, along with the final building finishes such as flooring and paint colours. The committee has also struck a sub-committee to finalize decisions on the technical upgrades for the facility. The renovation committee will continue to meet throughout the project to provide direction. Attached are the images for the concept for the exterior sign. A few details on the sign are being tweaked and the stakeholder groups are providing feedback, and pricing is being confirmed before this design is finalized

Construction Project Update

The construction project is underway and the contractor started work on September 6, while the building was being loaded out. The full site turnover occurred as scheduled on Monday September 19, 2016 and the courtyard is under construction. The contractor is attempting to complete as much of the outdoor work as possible before the weather changes. Demolition of the building inside continues through to mid-November.

Airport Committee

The Airport committee met on Tuesday September 27, 2016. At this meeting the committee discussed that to continue as a Committee of Council they would need to define their role and Terms of Reference would need to be approved by Council.

Airport – Wingham Jets Shed

The Wingham Jets Club uses a shed on the airport property for their storage. The Township charges an annual fee to use the land under the shed. This agreement is renewed every five years, and the renewed agreement is included in this agenda as a by-law for Council's consideration.

Ontario 150 Grant

The application for the Aquatic Centre Renovations for funding from the Ontario 150 Grant was submitted. The grant results will be released in December 2016.

North Huron Aquatic Centre

A breakdown in the Dectron HVAC unit that regulates pool temperature, and air temperature and humidity in the aquatic centre, experienced a breakdown on Sunday September 18, 2016. The breakdown prevented air circulation. On Tuesday September 20 the aquatic centre was closed due to the poor air quality conditions in the aquatic centre, until the unit could be repaired. Parts were ordered and the repairs were completed on Tuesday September 27, the pool needed to be balanced and appropriate temperatures achieved on deck and in the water, and the pool was reopened on Wednesday September 28 at 10:30am.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Nothing to report

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Next schedule Department Activity Report is November 7, 2016

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Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence

