



# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

# REPORT

Item No.

**REPORT TO:** Reeve Vincent and Members of Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Sharon Chambers, CAO  
**DATE:** 15/09/2016  
**SUBJECT:** Central Huron Cross Border Services Agreement  
**ATTACHMENTS:** CBSA

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby accepts the report of the CAO regarding a Cross Border Services Agreement with the Municipality of Central Huron relating to the provision of water services to the Cowbell Brewing Company Development.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Over the past several months, the North Huron Cross Border Services Working Group have been meeting with representatives from Central Huron Council and staff to negotiate a Cross Border Services agreement to service for the supply of domestic water service and fire suppression to the Cowbell Brewing Company development located in Central Huron. BM Ross was engaged to prepare the draft agreement, which was presented to Council in closed session on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. Over the past several weeks, North Huron staff, Central Huron staff and representatives of the Cowbell Brewing Company have reviewed and provided comment on the draft Agreement. After vetting through legal representation by all Parties, the final draft is presented to both Central Huron and North Huron Councils for adoption on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **DISCUSSION**

There are currently three Central Huron properties serviced by the Blyth Water System, under no Agreement. North Huron Council wishes to enter into an agreement with Central Huron for the servicing of the Cowbell Brewery and all future developments to ensure that the details of the servicing arrangements are clearly understood.

The following provisions within the CBSA are highlighted for Council's information;

### **General Provisions;**

- Schedule A describes the Water Property
- Schedule B describes the Water Service Structure, including a preliminary drawing which has been reviewed by BM Ross. The Water Service Structure shall be constructed by the Developer's Contractor and approved by the Township. Once approved, the water service shall become part of the Blyth Water System, owned and maintained by North Huron. The specific details of this arrangement shall be outlined in a separate Agreement between the Developer and North Huron. This Agreement will be discussed in a report by Director Molenhuis and presented to Council for consideration on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Schedule C contains "Form 1" – the approval mechanism required under the Township's Drinking Water Licence for extensions to the Water System.
- Schedule D contains County approval for the watermain crossing Huron County Road 25.

- Schedule E is an acknowledgement by the Water Property (Cowbell Developer) of the CBSA between North Huron and Central Huron.
- The water service shall be for domestic water supply to the restaurant portion of the development only. Water will also be supplied for fire suppression purposes, however North Huron does not guarantee that the Blyth Water System is able to supply “any or all” fire suppression requirements. The Developer, through their Site Plan Agreement with Central Huron will have to demonstrate that they are meeting fire suppression requirements.

#### **FINANCIAL**

- Rates and fees shall be charged to the water property based on North Huron’s current fee by-law.
- Unpaid accounts for water service shall be invoiced to Central Huron and added to the tax bill.
- North Huron Council has agreed to share 50% of the cost of the extension of the watermain because it provides a benefit to the Blyth water system by looping the system. The details of the cost sharing are included in the Development Agreement between North Huron and the Developer. Central Huron has agreed to contribute half of North Huron’s share of extending the watermain, up to a maximum of \$43,000.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The financial impact of the watermain extension is discussed in the Director of Public Works October 17th report relating to the Development Agreement between Cowbell Brewing Company Ltd. and North Huron.

#### **FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

A CBSA shall be required for all service extensions beyond North Huron borders.

#### **RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

##### **GOAL #1**

Our community is attractive to new business and residents

Outcome: We foster a positive business environment that retains, promotes, and attracts businesses and investment.

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