



**REPORT TO:** Reeve Vincent and Members of Council  
**PREPARED BY:** David Sparling  
**DATE:** 10/11/2016  
**SUBJECT:** 911 signs for vacant farm driveways - update  
**ATTACHMENTS:** none

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby accepts the report of the Director of Fire and Emergency Services regarding an update on 911 blades for vacant farm driveways for information purposes.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In 2015, council approved installation of 911 signage for vacant farm driveways. Huron County is providing the blades at no cost, and North Huron Public Works is going to install them.

## **DISCUSSION**

Huron County was advised by North Huron Public Works to budget for 180 blades for this project.

When the Huron County 911 staff asked for the location of these laneways in the spring of 2016 (so 911 numbers and maps could be generated) it was found that North Huron Public Works did not have locations where these signs were to be installed, nor was there a plan to get the required information for the County.

In September Chief Sparling drove every road in East Wawanosh Ward getting the GPS coordinates for driveways, as well as ATV and walking paths, for Huron County 911 to map and make the required signs. The total number signs required is 282.

This data has been provided to Huron County 911 who are plotting them and assigning the appropriate numbers.

To date no signs have been made, or installed, however it is hoped that this can still be started yet this fall.

Important note: finding the locations for these signs is not an exact science. There will be some lanes that were missed and some laneways identified that may be seldom used. However, by adding these 911 numbers into the system, we are still dramatically improving the ability to locate farmers and others in an emergency.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Huron County 911 budgeted for 180 signs. It is unclear whether they will have the funds to make the additional 102 blades in 2016 or not.

The kms required to do this will be reflected in Chief Sparling's expense report, but were not anticipated in the 2016 budget

## **FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

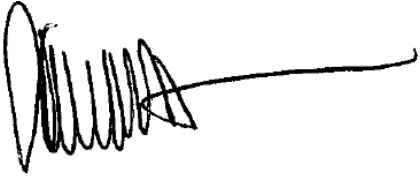
911 signs on vacant farm laneways is a significant improvement to public safety. Even if it requires more than 1 year to complete, this project is worth the effort.

## **RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal 3: We promote community safety and emergency preparedness.

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Emergency Services

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