



# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

# REPORT

Item No.

**REPORT TO:** Reeve Vincent and Members of Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Pat Newson  
**DATE:** 07/11/2016  
**SUBJECT:** Recreation and Facilities Report 11 07 16 (Department Update)  
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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the Activity Report of the Director of Recreation and Facilities, dated November 7, 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**

### **Blyth Memorial Community Hall Renovation Update**

The Blyth Memorial Community Hall Renovation Committee met on Monday October 17, 2016 to continue collaboration on the renovation project. The committee is working on finalizing the specific details on the donor recognition displays (past and present), information kiosks, and Legion displays.

The Director of Recreation and Facilities attended the Construction Site Meetings on October 3 and 17<sup>th</sup> to review the project progress and provide project direction. The courtyard work is nearing completion and the interior demolition work is progressing. The roofing work is presently ongoing, and the contractor is working on the exterior façade and cupola. The project is on target as of the last construction meeting, and the next is scheduled for November 7. The Citizen reporter was toured through the interior on October 13 for an update article that appeared in the October 20 paper. The goal is to keep the community informed on the progress. The Director of Recreation and Facilities was interviewed by a reporter for the Daily Commercial News, a construction publication, for a feature article on the renovation project at the Blyth Memorial Community Hall.

### **Friends of the Village of Blyth Parks**

Staff met with the committee chair to review the status of projects and considerations for 2017 projects. Staff are reviewing the items and those that are feasible will be considered for the 2017 budget for Council's consideration. The Greenway Trail Committee has officially handed off their funds and responsibilities to the Friends of the Village of Blyth Parks, and they have a representative on that committee that focusses on the trail and is also a member of the G2G working group.

### **Blyth Arena**

Ice is in and rentals started on Saturday October 1 as planned. Blyth Brussels Minor Hockey hosted their Crusader's Day at the arena on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Upcoming events include the Blyth Junior Broomball Tournament on Nov 11-13.

### Blyth Events

The Blyth Lions and The Blyth Witches Walk hosted their first Hallowe'en Age of Majority Dance at the Blyth Hall. This event was well attended with just over 100 participants.

Beer and Brats/Blyth 140<sup>th</sup> Kick Off Event – approximately 250 attended the Beer and Brats event held at the municipal parking lot in Blyth.

### R2R Conference in Blyth:

- 86 presenters/panelists/speakers including visitors from Netherlands, Yukon, Kentucky, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Alberta, Quebec and Ontario
- 1 choir director and student high school choir, one band, plus three individual musicians
- 2 Keynote speakers
- 8 Pitchers/5 Catchers/ +2 Banks represented in the Bullpen
- 3 Service clubs coordinating two breakfasts together
- 5 chefs preparing the food
- 1 local craft brewery and 1 local winery providing bar services
- Local tasting events of local cheese, beer and cider
- 99 delegates attended
- Additional events included: art exhibit, fashion designer showcase, panel discussions
- 58 volunteers contributed 575 hours of service

### Upcoming Events:

- Nov 11-13 Blyth Jr Broomball Tournament
- Nov 26<sup>th</sup> Blyth Christmas Lighting
- Nov 12 – Wingham Carol Sing and Cruikshank Park Lighting
- Nov 13 – Wingham Midget Silver Stick
- Nov 26 Wingham Santa Claus Parade
- Remembrance Day services are being held on Friday November 11 at the Blyth Community Centre Hall instead of the Blyth Memorial Hall this year, and in Wingham at the Cenotaph.

### Wingham Library

Painters have been working at the Wingham Library to paint the main book room, the two bathrooms and back hall. This will be completed November 4.

### Cruikshank Park

Staff have been working alongside the Wingham volunteers who are installing all the Xmas Lighting displays at Cruikshank park for the November 12 lighting ceremony.

### Complex Roof Repairs

Smith Peat Roofing has been working at the Complex on the prescribed roof repairs. That work will be completed November 4.

### Wingham Town Hall

Councillors are invited to attend the Ontario Trillium Foundation presentation, to the Wingham Town Hall Theatre Committee and the municipality, of the \$30,000 funding toward the Wingham Town Hall renovations. MPP Lisa Thompson will be at the Town Hall on Friday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am for this presentation.

Georgian Bay Fire and Safety are working to complete the installation of the sprinkler system in the second floor of the Town Hall building. The sprinkler system should be completed by November 11. This is part of the project to re-open the theatre, and the committee will be coming to Council with an update report on fundraising. Staff and the committee are waiting on the report from the engineer on the new HVAC system prior to coming to Council.

#### Wingham Fire Hall

Council awarded the contract to install the Diesel Exhaust System at the Wingham Fire Hall to Air Vacuum Corporation. The proposed shipping date is December 7, 2016 with an installation date of December 19, 2016 through to no later than December 23, 2016.

#### Fall Recreation Programs

The Aquatic Centre fall swimming lessons started the first week of October with 100 participants.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Nothing to report.

#### **FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

Next scheduled Department Update Report is December 5, 2016.

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

Our community is Healthy and Safe

Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.



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