



# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

# REPORT

Item No.

**REPORT TO:** Reeve Vincent and Members of Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Jeff Molenhuis, Director of Public Works  
**DATE:** 23/01/2017  
**SUBJECT:** January Activity Report  
**ATTACHMENTS:**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the report Public Works January Activity Report for information.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Public Works department provides updates to Council on activities within the department.

## **DISCUSSION**

Administration and Shared Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Utilizing a Dual Budget and Capital program for 2017 budget which has mirrored accounts for both NH and MT. Significant work to establish and map both budgets to a new, aligned budget structure. This is a very labour intensive process for administration.</li><li>• Procurement of materials and services for NH &amp; MT in 2017 are being reviewed and drafted for release in early January.</li><li>• Met with Huron County and neighboring municipalities to review roads coordination and the GIS system.</li><li>• Performance Evaluation process for Shared Service</li><li>• Posted and closed two positions for Shared Service management and administration. Reviewing candidate applications at this time.</li></ul>
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attended multiple meetings with a potential development north of Wingham.</li><li>• Working on Cross Border Servicing Development meetings with MT, CH and NH developers.</li></ul>
Capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Howson Dam EA – Working with the environmental consultant on the SAR application to MNRF.</li><li>• Wingham Standpipe EA – Consulting firm is secured and expect work to initiate in 2017</li><li>• Westmoreland/Mill Street, Blyth – Coordinating with consultant for a new cost estimate for redesign. Updated cost is included in the 2017 budget.</li><li>• Blyth Well – Substantial completion has been granted with minor deficiency items to be considered in the maintenance</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road Needs Study and OSIMS/Bridge Needs Study – Draft report for NH &amp; MT is currently under review. Expecting to finalize in early December.</li> </ul>
Roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter Control – Although winter weather is often random and unpredictable, PW staff snow removal efforts are not. Best practice from previous winter operational activities and defined schedules with staff and Foreman's are being utilized to maintain the current level of service and format of service, including coverage and compliance of MMS. Updates to patrol routes, tracking and mapping are currently being implemented. The first snowfall in December was a very significant and continued event in which some parts of the Township received 3-4 feet of snow within a week.</li> </ul>
Water/Wastewater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received a report from Veolia Water for the month of December on the Belgrave Drinking Water System.</li> <li>• Received a Wingham Drinking Water System Inspection Report and a Blyth Drinking Water System Inspection Report from the MOECC. Systems have no actions required.</li> </ul>
Landfill/Solid Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NH resident survey is underway until February 6<sup>th</sup> to gain feedback on desired service and potentially integrate into new contract.</li> <li>• Anticipate to report back on general results at the Feb 6/17 meeting, with recommendations for RFP formulation.</li> <li>• A MOECC Inspection took place on November 9<sup>th</sup> at Morris Landfill and a report was drafted for action.</li> <li>• MT Council questioned spending at the landfill for grinding equipment rental. Staff prepared a report to justify the expense relative to the anticipated approach of trucking to London and paying tipping fees. Savings were estimated at \$10-15,000.</li> </ul>
Cemetery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report at this time.</li> </ul>
Drainage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nothing to report at this time.</li> </ul>
Equipment and Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter equipment and vehicle maintenance is on-going.</li> </ul>

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

No immediate financial impact at this time.

### **FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

No future considerations at this time.

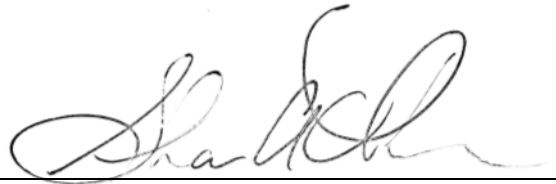
**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal #2 the Township's residents are engaged and well informed. Goal #4 the Township is fiscally responsible.



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