RECOMMENDATION:
THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby grants pre-budget approval to tender for Crushing, Loading, Hauling, and Spreading of Maintenance Gravel in North Huron;

AND FURTHER THAT the Director of Public Works is authorized to proceed with the necessary documentation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
For a number of years North Huron has requested bids from local contractors for the loading, hauling and application of maintenance gravel throughout the East Wawanosh Ward.

DISCUSSION
This year’s tender would be to crush, load, haul, and spread approximately 18,200 tonnes of Type “A” Maintenance Gravel on the Township of North Huron roads. In addition, the successful bidder would be asked to crush and stockpile approximately 800 tonnes at the East Wawanosh Shop. The gravel required for this tender shall be supplied by the Township of North Huron and crushed, loaded, hauled, and spread by the Contractor, and the gravel for this Tender shall be taken from the North Huron Gravel Pit which is located at 83851 Marnoch Line in Blyth.

The reason we are requesting pre-budget approval is so that we can tender and award during the second Council meeting in March at the latest, to avoid spring gravel program delay and secure suitable contract rates.

FINANCIAL IMPACT
The financial impact to North Huron is based on actual quantities used in 2017. The total impact for the Township of North Huron is anticipated to be approximately 19,400 tonnes, equating to approximately $135,800 for materials in 2017. Note this year’s budget impact will also include staff time directly within the Maintenance Gravel cost, in addition to the cost for materials noted in this report.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS
This figure for material will be included in the 2017 budget line for Maintenance Gravel.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN
Goal #2 the Township’s residents are engaged and well informed.
Goal #4 the Township is fiscally responsible.