



# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

# REPORT

Item No.

**REPORT TO:** Reeve Vincent and Members of Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Kathy Adams, Clerk  
**DATE:** 20/03/2017  
**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Weed Inspector  
**ATTACHMENTS:** n/a

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby accepts the Clerk's report on the Appointment of a Weed Inspector for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the County of Huron Area Weed Inspector be appointed as the Weed Inspector for the Township of North Huron;

AND FURTHER THAT Schedule A to By-law No. 1-2017 Being a By-law to Appoint Statutory Officials to the Township of North Huron be amended to reflect the appoint of the Weed Inspector.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*The following requirements of municipalities exist under the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5:*

- Section 6(1) the council of every upper-tier and single-tier municipality shall by by-law appoint one or more persons as area weed inspectors to enforce this Act in the area within the council's jurisdiction and fix their remuneration or other compensation.
- Section 7(1) the clerks of each upper-tier and single-tier municipality shall report the names of all area weed inspectors before April 1, 2017.
- Section 8(1) municipalities may by by-law appoint one or more persons as municipal weed inspectors.
- Section 9(1) the clerks of municipalities who have appointed municipal weed inspectors shall report the names of all municipal weed inspectors before April 1, 2017.

The appointment of Weed Inspectors is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

## **DISCUSSION**

We have no municipal staff trained to assume the responsibilities of Municipal Weed Inspector for the Township.

County of Huron By-law 2016-015 "A By-law to Appoint an Area Weed Inspector" appoints the County Forest Conservation Officer as the Area Weed Inspector for the County of Huron. The By-law also gives the authority to the County Area Weed Inspector to enforce the Weed Control Act in all lower tier municipalities in the County of Huron.

The County Forest Conservation Officer Don Pullen, is agreeable to provide this service to the Township based on a cost recovery basis as established in the County's User Fees and Service Charges By-law of \$400.00 minimum for service provided to the Lower Tier Municipalities. Chief Building Official Kirk Livingstone has been in contact with Don Pullen and will be able to provide further information on the costs and service provided by the County for their Weed Inspector.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Engaging the services of the County Area Weed Inspector on a cost recovery "as needed basis" will eliminate the time and costs associated with training municipal staff as Weed Inspectors.

**FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

The Township in the future may decide to have a staff from the CBO/By-law Enforcement Department take the training required to be the Township's Weed Inspector.

**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal #1 – Our community is attractive and welcoming to new businesses and residents.

Goal #3 – Our community is healthy and safe.

Goal #5 – Our natural environment is valued and protected.



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Kathy Adams, Clerk



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Sharon Chambers, CAO