



# TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

# REPORT

Item No.

**REPORT TO:** Reeve Vincent and Members of Council  
**PREPARED BY:** Donna White  
**DATE:** 02/05/2016  
**SUBJECT:** MFOA Asset Management Assistance Program  
**ATTACHMENTS:** MFOA AMP Program A

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report from the Director of Finance in regard to participation in the Municipal Finance Officer's Association (MFOA) Asset Management Assistance Program.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

MFOA, in collaboration with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is engaging experts to help municipalities develop increased capacity and improve their asset management plans (AMP). Applications were accepted until February 29, 2016 and municipalities could apply under two programs. Under Program A, only 10 municipalities will be selected for expert one-on-one assistance with their asset management plans or under Program B, Customized Group Training for up to 70 municipalities is available. North Huron has been selected for Program A.

## **DISCUSSION**

Phase One of the Asset Management Plan was completed in 2013 and included the infrastructure assets. Phase Two which includes buildings, land improvements, fleet, machinery and equipment will be completed in 2016. Condition assessments and levels of service are key pieces of information required to compile a comprehensive plan.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no cost to the municipality to participate in the program. However, the Township of North Huron has included funds in the 2016 budget to undertake Phase 2 of the Asset Management Plan, undertake a Roads Needs Study and funds for sanitary sewer camera/investigation work. These projects will provide valuable data to improve the quality and enhance the existing plan.

## **FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

This project will be extremely beneficial to the Township of North Huron and the purpose of the program is to assist municipalities in learning how to refine, improve, maintain and manage their asset management plan. A long term financial plan is critical for future decision making and prioritizes the use of limited resources. The program will begin in May and be completed by December, 2016. The outcome of the program will provide useful data for the Shared Services Project.

## **RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Goal # 4 – Our administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence.