COLLABORATIVE EFFORT ACHIEVES NEW NORTH HURON CROSS BORDER SERVICING POLICY

"Working together builds a stronger community"

The Township of North Huron, working collaboratively with the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, has adopted a revised Cross Border Servicing Policy for the extension of water and sewer services across North Huron borders. The policy was approved by North Huron Council at their July 6th meeting and was endorsed by Morris-Turnberry Council on July 7th.

The updated policy provides a framework for future servicing agreements between North Huron and neighbouring municipalities, with the primary goal being to facilitate industrial and commercial development, job creation and growth.

The new servicing approach recognizes existing and future partnerships for service provision between North Huron and Morris-Turnberry.

Recreation Grants: As a result, Morris-Turnberry has revised their recreation grant allocations for 2015 and 2016, increasing their financial support for the Wescast Community Complex and Blyth Community Centre by $46,000 during that time period.

Cemetery Grants: Morris-Turnberry Council has also made a decision to allocate grant funds to the Township of North Huron, to offset Cemetery costs. Therefore, Morris-Turnberry propose to grant $250.00 per burial to the Township of North Huron, pending the reversal of the non-resident fees for Morris-Turnberry residents, at the North Huron cemeteries.

Agreement on the servicing policy is timely, as the two Councils have scheduled a Joint Council meeting on July 28th, 2015 to receive a report on their Industrial Land Strategy project which is working toward creating “development ready” industrial lands in the Lower Town Wingham area, spanning both sides of the municipal border.

North Huron Reeve Neil Vincent is pleased with the progress that has been made, stating, “With a workable servicing policy now in place, we will be better positioned to attract development to the area. We feel that Morris-Turnberry’s increased support for our recreation facilities expands upon our existing successful shared service arrangements. We look forward to continuing our discussions and building on a positive working relationship that will help our communities to grow and prosper.”

Morris-Turnberry Mayor Paul Gowing states “The Cross Border service agreement reached by North Huron and Morris-Turnberry is the first step towards both municipalities reaching their true development potential”.

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