

TOWNSHIP OF HAVELOCK-BELMONT-METHUEN

To: Mayor Gerow and Members of Council
From: Pat Kemp, CAO
Meeting Date: March 19th, 2018
Subject: Township Accomplishments in 2017

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the Township's Accomplishments in 2017.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Administrator's report regarding Township's Accomplishments in 2017 be received for information and a copy will be posted on the Township's website.

BACKGROUND:

This report will outline the accomplishments that Council and Township staff achieved in 2017.

At the Rural Ontario Municipal Conference (ROMA) Council made a delegation to the Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long Term Care regarding the Township's application for a 128-bed Long Term Care Home. Council also made a delegation to the Honourable Kathryn McGarry, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding Crowe Valley Conservation Authority and camping on crown land at Bottle Lake and Kasshabog Lake.

At the Ontario Good Roads Association Conference (OGRA) Council made a delegation to the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy regarding the Hydro Rates and the Minister of Infrastructure regarding Infrastructure funding.

A Strategic Planning Session was held on January 26, 2017 with Penny Sharman, Facilitator. The final plan was approved on March 13th, 2017. Council approved the following initiatives for 2017 – 2018:

2017

1. Establishment of a Long Term Care Home
2. Mile of Memories – Parking
3. Development of the Affordable Housing & Assisted Living Project
4. Preparing for Potential Development on the LTC property
5. Canada Day – 150th & Havelock's 125th Celebration
6. Havelock Community Event

2018

1. Boat launches and facilities plan and development
2. Developing a criteria for assessing staff capacity
3. Improved communication between staff and council
4. Mathison Property Promotion
5. Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The 2017 Municipal Budget was approved in February with a 2% increase.

The Township launched a new website in February 2017.

The Township was successful in receiving funding of \$41,000 under the Enabling Accessibility Fund for a barrier free ramp, entrance and washrooms at the Cordova Library.

The Township received approval from Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for improvements to the George Street Park.

The Township made the sale of garbage tags available at local stores to provide a more convenient service to ratepayers.

Council made the decision to implement Internet and Telephone Voting for the 2018 Municipal Election.

Council entered into an agreement with the Havelock Mixed 3-Pitch League and Havelock Express Minor baseball for cost sharing of a new digital score board at the Havelock baseball diamond.

Council approved an upset limit of \$10,000 to assist the Havelock-Belmont Public School with upgrades to their track, baseball field and outdoor classroom project.

The Township filed an appeal with the Ontario Mining and Lands Commissioner regarding the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Levy.

At the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference (AMO) Council made a delegation to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care on the application for a 128-bed Long Term Care Home and a delegation to Minister of Natural Resources regarding issues with campers on Crown Land at Bottle Lake and Kasshabog Lake.

The Township was approved for funding under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund Ontario (CWWF) for upgrades to water and sewer for Donald Street.

The Township submitted comments to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry on the position paper "Conserving Our Future – A Modernized Conservation Authorities Act."

Council approved the purchase of a new Asset Management Program at a cost of \$212,790. The Provincial Government passed new regulations pertaining to Asset Management Plans. The Township applied for funding under the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and received \$49,600.00 towards this project. Another application for funding will be submitted in 2018.

Council requested the Federal Government to provide financial support for Via Rail's High Frequency Train with routes from Toronto to Peterborough to Ottawa with a stop in Havelock.

Council approved the sale of 7 building lots to JDM Designworks Inc. for future residential development.

Council held a Community Recognition Awards Ceremony on November 30th, 2018 and the following individuals were recognized:

- Julie Fletcher
- Susan Taylor
- Mike Menard
- Carol Wilks
- John and Lorraine Fulton
- Pat Patterson
- Connie Benjamin
- Bryce and Cheryl Levesque
- Shirley Pressick

The Township held a Fire Recognition Awards Ceremony in December and the following firefighters were recognized for their years of service.

- Stephen Gough – 10 years of service
- Steve Koncovy – 10 years of service
- Tyler Leeper – 10 years of service
- Brad Falls – 20 years of service

The following firefighters were recognized for successfully completing the Fire Recruit Course:

- Dylan Finlay
- Ryan Hebor
- Philip Green
- Devin Gerow

The following roads projects occurred in 2017:

- Reconstruction of Preston Road
- Construction of Smith Drive
- Completion of King Street
- Completion of McLean Avenue
- Completion of Blairton Road
- Rehabilitation of Connecting Link
- Removal of Keating Bridge
- Reconstruction of Donald Street
- LED Street Lights replaced

In 2017 the Park and Recreation department purchased the following:

- New 5' X 8' trailer
- New Floor Scrubber

The Fire Department responded to 394 calls in 2017 and seen the following improvements:

- Purchase new Bunker Gear
- Purchase new forestry hose & interior hose
- Repairs to Rescue 2
- Purchase New Jaws of Life

In the Administration Department the following achievements were made:

- Canada 150 and Havelock 125 Celebrations
- Economic Development Strategic Plan
- Approval of a Community Improvement Plan (CIP)
- New Generator for the Municipal Office

The Building Department had an extremely busy season in 2017:

- Total Inspections – 679
- Total Building permits – 297
- Total Permit fees collected - \$295,252.78
- Total Construction costs - \$17,062,680.00
- Total kilometres driven – 18,695

The Township has recruited the following new staff members:

- After 40 years of service in the Parks and Recreation Department, Doug Hart retired on July 31st, 2017. Ryan Andrew has been appointed as the new Manager of Parks, Recreation and Facilities
- Lukan Tucker has been hired as a Building Inspector to replace Bob Waldron who retired in October, 2017

The Township was deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Jamie Scriver, Manager of Facilities on October 12, 2017.

The Township continues to work with the City of Peterborough and the Peterborough Housing Corporation for a Seniors Affordable Housing and Assisted Living project. This will see a total of 32 units, two quads at Market Value Rent and 12 units for Affordable Housing and 12 units for Assisted Living. This will be built on Smith Drive. The work on the roadway and services were completed in the fall of 2017.

Council passed amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law to address the need for building permits for On-water Structures.

The Township held its second annual “Fishing Derby” for children 12 and under at the Rotary Park in May.

The Township entered into a contract with a Part-Time By-law Enforcement Officer.

In 2017 Council attended 24 Regular Council meetings, 16 Special Council meetings, 32 Closed meetings and 1 Joint Council meeting with the Municipality of Marmora and Lake and 3 Other Meetings.

The Committee of Adjustment dealt with 26 minor variance applications and Council dealt with 21 Zone Amendments, 9 Holding Provisions removed, 10 Severance Reports and 2 Official Plan Amendments.

The Township submitted position papers on the following legislation:

- County Development Charges
- Conservation Authority
- New Action Plan for Seniors

All reports that were required to be submitted to the Provincial Government in 2017 were submitted prior to the deadline dates.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Respectfully submitted by:


Pat Kemp, CAO