

protection anode was found and that the well was taken out of service and restored.

McGhee discussed the costs of the restoration and explained that only \$16,000 was included in the 2020 operating budget. McGhee recommended that to fund the project the \$75,000 in funds for the SCADA project be used, as well as \$17,720 from the water reserve fund.

McGhee explained the importance of having a well-developed maintenance program. McGhee noted that Veolia is recommending a 5-year cycle for inspections.

Councillor Falconer asked if a more robust inspection of the anode would help mitigate the corrosion.

Councillor Palmer inquired into whether there is a cheaper version of the inspections that could occur. McGhee explained the details of the inspection process that is used.

Councillor van Hittersum noted that because of the different depths of the wells, there may be a different lifespan for each well.

Deputy Reeve Seip discussed the importance of having the proper protocols and expectations in place. Seip noted that if a cycle is to be for every 5 years, Council needs to budget for this annually.

Reeve Bailey discussed the importance of incorporating the wells into an asset management plan. Bailey inquired into whether the reserves paying for this project are collected through the water billings. White explained that the reserves are funded through the water billing and that this is a small portion of what is required to fund future capital projects.

M216/20

MOVED BY: P. Heffer

SECONDED BY: A. van Hittersum

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the report of the Director of Public Works, dated July 6th, 2020 regarding repairs to Wingham Water Supply System Well No. 4 for information;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council authorize \$17,720.⁰⁰ to be drawn from the water reserve fund to offset the repair;

AND FURTHER, THAT Council authorizes the Director of the Finance to make the necessary changes to the 2020 budget.

For (7): B. Bailey, T. Seip, K. Falconer, P. Heffer, R. McBurney, C. Palmer, and A. van Hittersum

CARRIED (7 to 0)

McGhee provided background on the work undertaken by the Howson Bridge and Dam Committee. McGhee outlined the mandate, scope, process used to reach a final recommendation, and the number of meetings that were held. This included a discussion on the reports reviewed, the delegates heard from, and the public outreach that was undertaken. It was noted that the recommendation of the Committee was focused on the technical and social aspects of each option due to clear financial information not being available.

McGhee outlined the four options that were considered by the Committee. This included: do nothing, remove and replace, remove and naturalize, and rehabilitation. McGhee explained that the recommended option decided on by the Committee is for rehabilitation of the bridge and dam. McGhee noted that the recommendation is that Council establish a timeline for fundraising to rehabilitate, and that if the timeline is not met, the asset be removed.

McGhee explained that if Council is accepting of the Committee's recommendation, a staff report outlining the best course of action and next steps would be required. McGhee noted that engineering services will be required to develop a project scope which could then be used by Council to establish a timeline for fundraising.

Councillor Falconer thanked the staff resources of the Committee. Falconer noted that he believes the Committee's recommended course of action is the only logical option as it allows for concessions on both sides of the debate. Falconer noted that a future staff report with a project scope would allow for an informed decision to be made by Council.

Deputy Reeve Seip inquired into whether there was any discussion from the Committee as to what an acceptable timeline for fundraising would be. Falconer noted that the timeline established would be contingent on the results of the engineer developed project scope.

Councillor Palmer expressed concern that the Committee's recommendation is to rehabilitate the bridge and dam when previous reports have indicated that the asset is non-repairable. Palmer noted that instead of using the funds to retain engineering services, the funds could be used to remove the asset. Palmer expressed concern with the overall costs and discussed the necessity to prioritize other municipal projects.

Bailey noted that the project would not result in the use of tax dollars and would be fundraised. McGhee explained that at this time, the costs to retain a qualified engineer would not be spent and that the quotes would be brought back to Council for approval. Palmer explained that taking this first step in the process toward rehabilitation would be difficult to revert, if needed.

Deputy Reeve Seip explained that if Council does not accept the recommendation of the Committee, then it is not likely that Council will have much citizen interest in Committees in the future. Seip noted that the Committee was established for this specific purpose and discussed the importance of moving the project forward so that it does not come back for another Council to deal with.

Councillor van Hittersum outlined the various staff resources to the Committee which have required the use of taxpayer dollars.

Councillor Heffer discussed the engineering reports and noted that one report determined that the bridge and dam could not be fixed.

M217/20

MOVED BY: T. Seip

SECONDED BY: R. McBurney

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receives the report of the Director of Public Works, dated July 6th, 2020 regarding the recommendation of the Howson Bridge and Dam Committee, for information;

AND FURTHER, THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron support Resolution HBD06/2020 of the Howson Bridge and Dam Committee;

AND FURTHER, THAT staff be directed to secure quotes to retain the service of a qualified engineering firm to develop a project scope and price estimate for the rehabilitation of the asset including life-cycle costs;

AND FURTHER, THAT staff be directed to bring forward a report on recommended next steps including cost estimates necessary to develop the timeline for fundraising for rehabilitation of the Howson Bridge and Dam;

AND FURTHER, THAT the Howson Bridge and Dam Committee, having fulfilled its mandate, be disbanded and all members thanked for their service and contribution to the Township of North Huron.

For (4): B. Bailey, T. Seip, K. Falconer, and R. McBurney

Against (3): P. Heffer, C. Palmer, and A. van Hittersum

CARRIED (4 to 3)

7.5 Fire Department - No Reports

7.6 Building Department - No Reports

7.7 Childcare Department

7.7.1 CC-2020-05 Child Care Reopening

Valerie Watson, Manager of Child Care Services provided background information on the closure and reopening of daycares. Watson discussed