



## TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD

### Report to Council

**Date: December 12, 2016**

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**Subject Matter: Sustainability Plan Yearly Update October 30, 2016**

The annual update of the Sustainability Plan is outlined below:

#### **1. GROWTH**

##### **1.1 Ensure the Official Plan is approved and kept current.**

The Official Plan has been approved and the five year review should be completed in 2018. Zoning By-laws are also very current. Several amendments for specific properties have been made.

##### **1.2 Establish a plan for the provision of sewer services in growth communities.**

The Talbotville and Ferndale Master Serving Plan has been completed in 2015. The schedule "C" EA for Talbotville was completed. Sewage treatment is planned for Talbotville. Property has been obtained for a possible plant location in Shedden.

##### **1.3 Encourage residential development**

Planning fees were adjusted in 2015 to encourage development. DHP subdivision has received draft approval. Keystone Manor is progressing although somewhat slowly. Discussions with Pittao regarding access concerns have been finalized. Ferndale Crescent subdivision is close to proceeding. Several lots have been created through the severance process. Other developments have also been discussed.

##### **1.4 Utilize Economic Development Committee**

The Economic Development Committee has been active and the subcommittee Communities in Bloom had a very successful two years. The Elgincentsives program has been created to assist local businesses. The first Southwold application was approved in October 2015 along with several other applications.

##### **1.5 Encourage and Support Local Business**

Our website has been improved. The German Solar projects have obtained approval.

## **2. CULTURE AND RECREATION**

### **2.1 New Library**

The new library construction has started and should be completed in early 2017.

### **2.2 Support Recreational Activities**

Soccer fields and baseball fields have been improved with top dressing. A new picnic shelter has been constructed in Fingal and a new floor has been installed in the Talbotville picnic shelter. Insurance has been reviewed. The playground equipment and walking trails have been completed. Ball Diamond improvements in Fingal park have been completed.

### **2.3 Promote Good Health**

The medical building has been maintained and improvements to increase accessibility have been made.

## **3. MUNICIPAL SERVICE DELIVERY**

### **3.1 Provide services to residents in a timely, efficient and economical manner.**

Changes have been made in municipal staffing. A long term organization plan is currently under review. Succession planning for some senior staff retirements is being completed.

## **4. MUNICIPAL REVENUE**

**To optimize municipal revenues.**

**4.1** The municipality continues to apply for Provincial or Federal grants whenever possible.

**4.2** Staff has reviewed any decreases in the assessment base. We have also been involved in a working group dealing with landfill site taxation. It would appear that the funding from Green Lane will stabilize for the next four years.

**4.3** Discussions have occurred with the Green Lane Trust Committee to ensure that Southwold share of revenue is close to the 80% level.

## **5. ASSET MANAGEMENT**

**To prioritize capital expenditures and minimize annual expenditures and maintain Township infrastructure at an appropriate level.**

**5.1** The asset management plan has been adopted and is used as part of grant applications. Minor improvements to the plan are in the process.

5.2 Current purchasing policy was updated in 2015.

5.3 Staff has considered conditions of equipment as part of the timing of replacement and the purchasing policy has been followed.

6. **REVIEW, REPORT AND UPDATING OF SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

**To ensure the plan is implemented in a timely manner and results are reported to residents.**

6.1 This document completes the annual review of the plan and it is recommended that this report is placed on the website for the public to review.

6.2 The plan should be updated early in 2018.

**SUMMARY**

I feel that both Council and staff have worked to ensure that the recommendations in our Sustainability Plan have been implemented. It is my opinion that significant progress has been made. It is, of course, and will continue to be, a work in progress.

**Recommendation:**

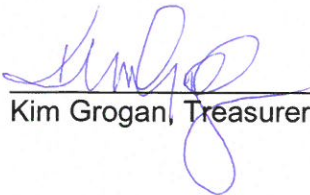
Council and staff should start the process to update the plan. We will need to discuss how we are to proceed.



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Ken Loveland, CAO/Clerk

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