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carbon footprint at footprintstoforests.com

Footprints to Forests sees trees planted by conservation authority. It only takes five to see online for anyone to plant out. Monk of the Ausable Conservation Authority (ABCA) presented on about the initiative to the county council's

meeting last week.

It's relatively simple math to find out your carbon footprint at the website, www.footprintstoforests.com, Monk explained.

The program raises money for tree planting projects.

You can punch in your home energy, vehicle or plane mileage to see how

many trees need to be planted to offset one's carbon monoxide output.

The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) and their Ausable Bayfield colleagues teamed up for the initiative.

"There are people that want to do the right thing, they realize they are burning carbon," said Art

Versteeg, a representative on the MVCA and county councillor.

The project is in addition to other tree planting initiatives, he said, but this one allows anyone in the county, including business owners who may rack up significant mileage, to contribute.

The current setup of the website probably wouldn't

work for bigger companies but the website and the program will grow, Versteeg estimated.

"We are still rolling out the education process."

Versteeg also hopes to have a tree planting day involving council and county staff.

Council agreed to receive the report.

County wants cash for former farmland

and opportunities as a whole. The township has dismissed the possibility of a deal with Infrastructure Ontario, which is awaiting a decision on purchase, it said. It had been on the market for some time commercially, the township said after a short presentation, however, no real offers have been received. Infrastructure Ontario said it's time to look at acquiring the land and get business done.

Hardy said South Huron sees it as an investment for the entire county, with the possibility of land lease deals countering the cost of demolishing unusable buildings (estimated at \$900,000), and maintaining current ones.

With a possible provincial election in the fall, now is the time to act, he said.

Coun. Bernie MacLellan (Huron East) asked about the financial commitment of South Huron. Hardy said an environmental assessment was completed on the land that is available to staff. He said the municipality has been responsible

for maintenance and will continue to be, which comes at a cost.

He didn't offer a dollar figure to MacLellan, or to the *Signal Star* when asked again after his presentation. "The property is serviced (there are a couple of current businesses leasing on useable property) and ready to go. We have put our fair share of investment that way."

Any South Huron offer on the property is conditional on the county confirming support in 30-60 days, Hardy said.

Council asked for a staff report on the matter.

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Notice of Intention to Amend Heritage Designating By-law 50 of 1981 The Garvey House, 97 St. Patrick Street

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Goderich intends to amend Heritage Designating By-law No. 50 of 1981 relating to the Garvey House. By-law 50 of 1981 was enacted by the Corporation of the Town of Goderich on August 7, 1981 designating the building familiarly known as the Garvey House, 97 St. Patrick Street, Goderich Ontario, to be of historic and architectural value and interest, pursuant to Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

Subsection 30.1 (1) authorizes the Council of a municipality to, by by-law, amend by-laws designating property made under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act and Section 29 applies with necessary modification to an amending by-law as though it were a by-law to designate property under that section.

The Amending Heritage Designation By-law proposes that Schedule "A" of By-law 50 of 1981 be revised by deleting "The Garvey House" (item 3) and the associated legal description. The structure as noted in By-law 50-1981 was demolished as the result of damage sustained in the tornado of August 21, 2011.

Notice of objection to this designation amendment may be served on the Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Goderich within thirty days of this notice. Any notice of objection shall indicate the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. The last day for filing an objection is **April 22, 2014.**

If you have any questions regarding this designation amendment, please contact the undersigned.

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