

TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 6th, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT THE HOWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Attendance:

Council Members

Max Demaray, Reeve
Linda Henhoeffter, Councillor
Art Versteeg, Councillor
Andrea Yungblut, Deputy Reeve
Randy Scott, Councillor

Staff

Ronna Lee Johnson, Clerk
Wray Wilson, Public Works Co-ordinator
Mark Farinha, Treasurer
Bill Doig, Fire Chief

Other

Fred, Deb and Jason Roy

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Demaray called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

The Reeve noted that if any member wished to declare a pecuniary interest regarding any matter on the agenda, it could be done at this time, when the matter arises, or both.
None declared at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A copy of draft Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 16th, 2010 was circulated in the Council package.

MOTION #086/10	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Versteeg
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 16th, 2010, as circulated.		
		CARRIED

DELEGATION

Presentation to Jason Roy and Fred Roy

Reeve Demaray welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Roy and Jason, and thanked them for attending the meeting to accept a token of appreciation from Council for their generous donation to the Howick Community Centre of the beautifully handcrafted portable ticket stand, which Jason constructed as a school project. Reeve Demaray complimented Jason on his excellent craftsmanship, noting that it is an ideal addition to the newly renovated facility. He presented Jason and Roy with certificates of appreciation and colour photos of the ticket stand.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following report and supporting documentation were circulated in the Council package:

Compensation Agreement with By-Law Enforcement Officer

The Agreement calls for the Officer's hourly fee to be adjusted based on the January CPI. At January 2010 the CPI increased by 1.9%. Therefore, the Officer's hourly rate should increase by \$0.53.

MOTION #087/10	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Scott
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes an increase of 1.9% (\$0.53 per hour) to the hourly rate of pay for Keppel Creek by-law enforcement services, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement providing for an adjustment based on the January Consumer Price Index.		
		CARRIED

Accounts Payable

The attached accounts are for Council's review and approval.

MOTION #088/10**Moved by Versteeg****Seconded by Scott**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes payment of accounts in the amount of \$253,428.85 under date April 6, 2010 as cheques #9096 to #9147 inclusive, as presented and discussed at the Regular Council meeting held April 6th, 2010.

CARRIED**ADDENDUM****Federal/Provincial Grant Funding Process**

Treasurer Farinha described the very onerous, time-consuming and costly procedures involved when dealing with applications, agreements and reporting requirements associated with accessing government grant funding, and asked if Council would be amenable to him preparing a resolution requesting removal of the “red tape” and proposing, in order to reduce costs and redirect the resources wasted in administration to be applied directly to the projects, that designated grant funds be allocated equitably to municipalities to be used at their discretion for relevant projects as specified in the funding program, and that accounting for such projects would be subject to government audit. The resolution would be circulated to all Ontario municipalities, with a request for support.

PWC Wilson concurred with the Treasurer’s assessment of the complex documentation, noting that, as it is required that “energy savings” or “carbon footprint reduction” be documented for projects undertaken with Gas Tax funding (ie. Road Construction), he took the reporting forms to an engineer, who found the forms to be “unbelievable”.

Council members agreed that circulating a resolution would be worthwhile. Treasurer Farinha will present a draft for Council’s consideration at the next meeting.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

The following report was circulated in the Council package:

Incident Report

March 22: Call to Victoria Street in Gorrie - fire out upon arrival, damage to toaster oven. Smoke alarms in place and working.

March 31: Call to Howick Landfill site – rubbish burning out of control. Hyhoe brought in to spread rubbish to complete extinguishment.

March 31: Call to Belmore Line in Wroxeter – call cancelled. Due to another call, the Chief instructed one Officer and one Firefighter to attend the Wroxeter call in their own vehicle. Reason for call was determined to be excessive smoke from oven that set off fire alarm.

Fire Inspections – Chief Doig and Deputy Chief Edgar consulted with members of Belmore Community Centre regarding installation of new cooking ovens. Further discussion will take place when ovens are installed, sometime after the Maple Syrup Festival this weekend.

Pre-Plans – continuing to work on pre-plans at various locations. Progress is slow as companies are required to provide a copy of building blueprints.

Dedication / Meet and Greet the Howick Firefighters

A Meet and Greet and Dedication Ceremony will be held at the Gorrie Community Hall on April 11th at 2:00 pm for Council and staff to meet the Howick Firefighters. Reeve Demaray provided a brief outline of the program, noting that he will introduce Council and staff members, Chief Doig will introduce his firefighting staff, local church clergy will provide a dedication ceremony, and light refreshments will follow. Chief Doig added that the Gorrie Hall Board has agreed to prepare the lunch for the occasion.

House Numbering and Smoke Alarms

As noted in the ‘What’s Happening in Howick’ newsletter, some residents do not have a number on their house, or have only a partial number. I will be checking and following up on this matter.

A door-to-door smoke alarm and fire escape plan program is being discussed with the fire-fighters, to be carried out this summer. The issue of missing house numbers will be addressed at the same time.

Turnout Gear

I have obtained some prices for new turnout gear. As stated in my last report, this purchase is not in the fire budget because of the time frame and probation period for the new firefighters. The prices vary depending on the quality of gear, and range from \$1200. to \$1600. The gear the firefighters have now would be \$1600.

Chief Doig added that the gear presently being used by the new recruits is about 10 years old, which is estimated to be the maximum useful life of the equipment. Council was in agreement that it is advisable and prudent to purchase the best quality equipment for protection of the

men. Chief Doig will determine what is required and what the cost will be, to bring to the next meeting.

Seminar ‘Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection – A Decision Makers’ Guide’

Enclosed is information about this seminar which is being held in Wingham this year if any Council members are interested in attending. Reeve Demaray noted that members of Council have previously attended this seminar.

TransCAER Workshop

A free workshop about responding to chemical transportation emergencies is being held in Clinton on April 17th, and some of the firefighters have expressed interest in attending.

MOTION #089/10

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Henhoeffler

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the attendance of 6 Howick Firefighters at the ‘TransCAER – Responding to Chemical Transportation Emergencies’ workshop being held in Clinton on April 17th, 2010, and agrees to pay the costs associated with their attendance at this training session.

CARRIED

Other Matters

- No emergency rescue truck has been found.
- I have had discussion with the Recreation Director about helping out at the arena while he is away in mid-April.
- The thermal imaging camera and holder have been mounted in the pumper. Training on use of the camera consists of viewing the CD’s included.

ADDENDA

Open-Air Burn By-Law

Chief Doig prompted discussion about the Township’s ‘Open Air Burning By-Law’, noting that some municipalities require residents to obtain a permit for open air burning, and charge a fee for same. Howick’s by-law requires that a person notify the Fire Chief if they plan to set a fire. After some discussion, it was agreed that no change will be made to the by-law.

Fire Extinguisher Refills

Chief Doig noted he has had enquiries about getting fire extinguishers refilled, and advised that he can arrange to send them to Georgian Bay Fire & Safety Ltd. for refill. He asked if Council wished to charge an administration fee for this service. It was noted that some insurance companies, such as Howick Mutual, will fill extinguishers for their policy holders at no charge. It was decided that no administration fee will be charged.

Employment Policy Review – Probationary Term for Firefighters

Clerk Johnson asked to clarify with Council and Chief Doig the probationary term for the firefighters. The Employment Policy stipulates a six-month probationary period for employees, while it has been the practice in the Fire Department to require a three-month probation. It was decided that the six-month term will apply to all employees including the firefighters. Chief Doig expressed concern that the recruits who started early this year were told the probationary term was 3 months. Council agreed that a 3-month term will apply to those men, and the 6-month term will apply to anyone hired hereafter.

Chief Doig left the meeting at this time (7:50 pm).

RECREATION/FACILITIES SUPERVISOR’S REPORT – no report

PUBLIC WORKS CO-ORDINATOR’S REPORT

The following report as at April 1st and supporting documentation were circulated in the Council package:

PUBLIC WORKS STAFF OPERATIONS

- Tree cutting and trimming
- Roadside garbage pickup
- Grading as weather permits
- The retriever will be operating next week preparing for maintenance gravel
- Plow equipment will come off the graders next week but will stay on the truck

OPEN HOUSE / DEDICATION

I am working on plans for the Open House on June 17th. Enclosed is the quote from T & M Catering. I would recommend we proceed with the 2nd choice. A draft of an invitation to the event was provided for Council’s approval.

MOTION #090/10 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Yungblut**
 THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Public Works Co-ordinator to engage the services of T & M BBQ Catering to provide the food, as described in option #2 of their price quotation at \$9.00 per adult, for the Municipal Works Garage 'Open House' event to be held on June 17th.
CARRIED

PAVING TENDER

Tenders for paving are to close on April 6th at 2:00 p.m. A summary, as follows, was provided at the Council meeting:

CONTRACTOR	TOTAL TENDERED PRICE (Taxes Included)	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE
Lavis Contracting	\$157,174.50	ASAP	ASAP
Murray Group	\$150,998.66	May 19	July 31

MOTION #091/10 **Moved by Henhoeffler** **Seconded by Scott**
 THAT Howick Township Council hereby awards the contract for the supplying and placing of HL4 asphalt paving at various locations to the firm of The Murray Group of Moorefield at the tendered estimated total price of \$150,998.66 including applicable taxes, and authorizes the Reeve to sign the contract on behalf of the Corporation.
CARRIED

CALCIUM CHLORIDE TENDER

Authorization is required to accept the Tender from Da Lee Dust Control and authorize the Reeve & Clerk to sign the agreement.

MOTION #092/10 **Moved by Versteeg** **Seconded by Scott**
 THAT Howick Township Council hereby accepts the tender from Da Lee Dust Control to supply and apply approximately 425,000 litres of calcium chloride at the tendered unit price of \$0.176 per litre plus applicable taxes, and authorizes the Reeve and the Clerk to sign the contract on behalf of the Corporation.
CARRIED

RATEPAYER LETTER

The enclosed letter was received at the office. It wasn't addressed to anyone in particular. The author of the letter posed several questions concerning the recent road construction projects. His concerns were discussed, and PWC Wilson will send a response on behalf of Council.

COVER-ALL BUILDING SYSTEMS

The enclosed memo was received on March 18, 2010, since we have a Titan building. Five days ago Cover-All filed for creditor protection in Alberta and laid off 400 of their 485 workers. Until further information is received, we will follow the safety warnings issued in the memo. Mr. Wilson added that since its erection, our building has been inspected by the Company at least once a year.

BUILDING

PERMITS TO DATE

Deputy Treasurer Weishar prepared the enclosed report indicating building activity for the first three months of 2010, and a listing of the categories applicable to the permits issued:

<u>Permits Issued</u>	<u>Value of Construction</u>	<u>Fees Collected</u>
6 Building Permits	\$858,000.00	\$1,176.65
2 Septic System Permits	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 600.00

BUILDING PERMIT FEES

A public meeting is required prior to changing permit fees. I would suggest the public meeting be April 20th at 7:00 p.m. and then a resolution authorizing those changes could be passed at the Council meeting.

DRAINAGE

TILE DRAIN LOAN APPLICATION

This is an application to tile drain parts of Lot 27 and 28, Concession 16. We have not received confirmation from OMAFRA that the loan program is going ahead again this year although it is not expected to change. I would recommend this application be approved subject to receiving funding from OMAFRA. Mr. Wilson further advised that information was received today from OMAFRA confirming the 2010-2011 Tile Loan Program.

MOTION #093/10**Moved by Versteeg****Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council accepts the application for tile drainage loan for drainage work on lots 27 and 28, Concession 16, Township of Howick, with payment of said loan subject to receipt of funding from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

CARRIED**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT****TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

It is my understanding that the Township Official Plan will receive approval at County Council on April 7th. Council could give third and final reading to By-law No. 6-2010 (Zoning By-law Amendment) and the appeal period would run concurrently with the Official Plan.

NOTE: See Clerk's Report – By-Laws

APPLICATION FOR SEVERANCE – Stuart & Anna Douglas

This is an application to split the urban lands and merge the AG 2 and NE 1 lands with the adjacent farm. A copy of the application is enclosed as well as the Planning and MVCA reports.

Mr. Wilson will advise the Planning Department that Council has no concerns with or objections to the application.

LANDFILL**HOWICK CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Howick public school is asking if they can pickup some computers at the landfill. What is Council's opinion on this? The letter from the school states that the computer club would like to use the computer parts for educational purposes.

MOTION #094/10**Moved by Yungblut****Seconded by Scott**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Public Works Co-ordinator to meet with a delegated official from Howick Central School at the Howick Landfill site for the purpose of retrieving discarded computers deemed suitable for use at the school.

CARRIED**SPRING CLEANUP**

G. D. D'Arcey Construction Ltd. is at the landfill to-day cleaning up the site. He was called on Thursday evening to assist the fire department in extinguishing a small fire.

OTHER**GRASS CUTTING**

Hank Haasnoot has offered to extend the Contract for another year at the 2009 rates. A copy of the 2009 rates is enclosed. These rates have not changed since 2005 except a fuel surcharge was established in 2008.

MOTION #095/10**Moved by Versteeg****Seconded by Scott**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Public Works Co-ordinator to extend the contract with Aeration Plus (Hank Haasnoot) for grass cutting for the 2010 season at the agreed price rates plus fuel surcharge as was paid in 2009.

CARRIED**CORRESPONDENCE** (Information only)

- MVCA – Information related to the Municipal Drain Class Authorization

CLERKS REPORT

The following report as at April 1st and supporting documentation were circulated in the Council package:

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2010

Nominations Update – Councillor Scott has submitted his Nomination Form.

Information for Candidates – The 'Information for Candidates' booklet is now available.

Vote By Mail – The 'Procedures for Alternative Voting Method – Mail in Ballot' is also available for candidates' information.

Maximum Campaign Expenses – In accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act*, the Clerk shall provide each candidate with an **estimate** of the allowable campaign spending limits for the office stated on the nomination form. After the close of nominations in September, the Clerk will provide each candidate with the **final** spending limit.

Following are the **estimated** maximum campaign expenses allowable for the 2010 Municipal Election:

- Office of REEVE - \$10,281.20
- Office of DEPUTY REEVE - \$ 7,781.20
- Office of COUNCILLOR - \$ 7,781.20

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Huron County Emergency Management Committee (HCEMC)

Enclosed is a copy of Minutes of the HCEMC March 23rd meeting.

Highlights from the meeting include:

- Huron Perth United Way is gathering information in preparation for the launch of 211 service in Huron and Perth. They are looking for people interested in helping. Contact Jen Jones or Ellen Balmain at United Way by phone at 1-877-818-8867 or e-mail JJones@pcin.on.ca or execdir@unitedwayperthhuron.ca
- PRISM 911 Emergency Notification System:
 - Have experienced problems with the verification calls to residents – the calls are confusing or misunderstood, and the rate of verifications is low. They have stopped the calls, and are now following up on unsuccessful calls.
 - They are looking into using the Bell subscription service to get more information, but cost may be prohibitive. Continuing to promote information about the system and collect data from residents.
 - Are working on a format to set up a master contact list. Those authorized to activate the system will be given a wallet-sized card listing the procedures to follow.
- Annual Emergency Exercise: A County-wide exercise is being planned (tentative date is June 4th), and lower-tier municipalities may fulfill their annual exercise requirement by participating in this event.

Bill 168 – WORKPLACE VIOLENCE & HARASSMENT PREVENTION

The Health and Safety Association for Government Services is offering training sessions to assist employers in complying with this new legislation (see information enclosed). The most cost-effective access to the information is through a webinar session at \$25.00. Authorization to register for a webinar is requested. Note: We received information about an AMCTO workshop providing similar training at a cost of \$231.00.

MOTION #096/10

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Clerk to register for the Health and Safety Association 'Workplace Violence' webinar workshop scheduled for April 8th, 2010 at a cost of \$25.00.

CARRIED

HURON COUNTY CLERKS & TREASURERS (HCCTA)

The next meeting is scheduled for April 23rd, at which time a representative from Revenue Canada will provide information about the new HST (Harmonized Sales Tax). Treasurer Farinha and Deputy Treasurer Weishar have expressed an interest in attending. Authorization is requested.

MOTION #097/10

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes Treasurer Farinha and Deputy Treasurer Weishar to attend the Huron County Clerks and Treasurers Association meeting on April 23rd in Goderich, and agrees to pay the costs associated with their attendance at this meeting.

CARRIED

EMPLOYMENT POLICY REVIEW

As a result of consultation with employees regarding updating the employment policy, a compilation of requested and/or suggested changes has been prepared for Council's consideration. (NB – please bring your copy of the Policy which was previously provided).

It was agreed that Council will take time to review the information in detail and respond at the next Council meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION

1. **Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)** – preliminary information and registration form for the 2010 AMO Conference being held in Windsor. Early bird registration must be in by April 30th. Apparently the conference hotel is already full, so alternate accommodations will need to be found.

Reeve Demaray advised that he will be attending as a County delegate. No other Council members expressed interest in attending.

2. **Minister Responsible for Seniors, Gerry Phillips** – invitation to participate in the 2010 'Senior of the Year' award program. Nominations must be received by April 30th.
Noted. Action: File
3. **Canada Post** – information about the 2010 *Canada Post Community Literacy Award*. Nominations must be submitted before May 21st.
Noted. Action: File
4. **Jim Rutledge** – Regarding the 'Men of Huron' Celebration weekend, the time for the church service on May 9th at the North Street United Church in Goderich has been changed to begin at **2:00 pm** (not in the morning as previously stated).
Noted. Action: File

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS

1. **Muskoka Lakes, Township** – requesting the province to consider provision of financial support to public and private sectors to reduce the impact of meeting requirements of the mandatory Accessibility Standards.
Noted. Action: File

BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 06-2010 – To Amend the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law (third reading)

MOTION #098/10	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Yungblut
THAT Howick Township Council gives third and final reading to By-Law No. 06-2010, being a by-law to amend the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law for the Corporation of the Township of Howick. CARRIED		

Clerk Johnson advised that an error was made in by-law numbering, which has been corrected. The by-law passed at the March 16th meeting was incorrectly numbered by-law 06-2010, and should have been No. 07-2010. Therefore, the next by-law will be No. 08-2010.

By-Law No. 08-2010 – Agreement for Provision of Fire Services in Morris-Turnberry

MOTION #099/10	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Versteeg
THAT Howick Township Council gives third and final reading to By-Law No. 08-2010, being a by-law to authorize entering into an Agreement for Howick Township Fire Department to provide fire protection services to the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry. CARRIED		

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- Minutes of the closed session held March 16th, 2010
- Personnel Matters (per Treasurer's Report enclosed)
- By-Law Enforcement Officer's Report (related letter of complaint)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Belmore Community Centre Board

Councillor Scott reminded everyone about the Maple Syrup Festival this week (April 8th & 10th)

Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP)

Copies of the following were circulated in the Council package:

- Minutes of March 10th Meeting
- Copy of Safe Driving promotional materials
- Booster Seat ad

County of Huron - next meeting April 7th

Huron Bruce Transit

Councillor Scott reported from the meeting held on March 29th:

- Huron-Bruce Transit will cease operations effective May 30th, 2010
- Host municipality Morris-Turnberry Administrator will provide a financial analysis for next meeting

- Letters will be sent to all users
- Vehicles, equipment, furniture to be sold
- Decision must be made about what to do with remaining funds

Huron County Farm and Home Safety

Councillor Versteeg will be working at the Agriculture & Water Festival being held in Seaforth this week April 7th & 8th.

Maitland Economic Development Committee

Reeve Demaray and Councillor Scott reported:

- The Huron Staycation website is up and running and getting lots of activity.
- The Belmore Maple Syrup Festival and the Firemen’s Breakfasts are on the website.
- Other participating municipalities (North Huron and Huron East) have produced promotional brochures. It is felt that Howick should do the same.
- Propose hiring a summer student to work on the brochure.
- Will contact the other municipalities to find out what their brochures cost to produce.
- Pioneer Seed is seeking a location to build a plant in this area.

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)

Copies of the following were circulated in the Council package:

- Minutes of Board Meeting #2/10 held February 17th, 2010
- Minutes of Source Protection Meeting #1/10 held February 17th, 2010

Councillor Versteeg reminded everyone about the Maitland Valley Conservation Foundation annual fundraising dinner and auction being held on April 23rd. Tickets are available and they are seeking donations for the auction.

MOTION #100/10	Moved by Henhoeffter	Seconded by Scott
THAT Howick Township Council authorizes the donation of 1 set of History Books to the Maitland Valley Conservation Foundation Annual Fundraising event.		
		CARRIED

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) - no report

MVCA Source Water Protection (SWP) - no report

SVCA Source Water Protection

Circulated in the Council package was an invitation for Council and Staff to attend the “Municipal Info Days” to view and discuss the Draft Proposed Assessment Report, which shows how to determine what properties are in vulnerable areas and which activities may be potential risks to drinking water sources. Meeting dates and locations include:

- April 26th at Grey Sauble Conservation Building, Owen Sound
- April 27th at Northern Bruce Peninsula Municipal Office, Lion’s Head
- April 28th at Saugeen Conservation Centre, Hanover

COUNCILLORS ISSUES

Wroxeter Hall Board – Financial Reporting

Councillor Scott reported that the Wroxeter Hall Board wishes to proceed with the proposal to have an outside auditor. They would like a letter from the Township Auditor explaining what is required. It is their opinion that the Township should pay part of the cost.

Wroxeter Hall – Sidewalk Repair

There is a crack in the concrete walkway in front of the Hall, and the Hall Board is asking who is responsible for repairing it.

The general consensus of Council was that it is the responsibility of the Hall Board.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION #101/10	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Scott
THAT Howick Township Council at this time (9:15 pm) closes this portion of the April 6 th , 2010 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council in accordance with the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 (2) (b), (e), (f)</i> , to deal with personal and legal matters.		
		CARRIED

Matters dealt with in closed session:

- Minutes of Closed Session held March 16th, 2010. (Approved by Resolution #102/10)
- Personnel Matters
- By-Law Enforcement Officer’s Report (related Property Standards letter of complaint)

MOTION #102/10**Moved by Scott****Seconded by Versteeg**

THAT Howick Township Council now re-opens the April 6th, 2010 Regular Council meeting to the public at this time (9:48 pm). CARRIED

Howick Fire Chief – Appointment to Permanent Staff**MOTION #104/10****Moved by Versteeg****Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council, upon completion of his six-month probationary term, hereby approves the permanent, full-time status of Howick Fire Chief Bill Doig. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) (copies attached)

- a) **Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU)** – Service quality issues at Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
- b) **Municipal Property Assessment Corp (MPAC)** – Negotiations with Ontario Public Service Employees Union

CORRESPONDENCE forwarded via E-Mail (March 15 – April 1, 2010) (No copies attached)a) **Association of Municipalities of Ontario**

- AMO Watch File - March 18, 2010
 - 2 weeks until the Gas Tax Reporting deadline!
 - Bringing world class technology home to Hamilton at the Urban Symposium.
 - Cut your cost and carbon footprint: Two LAS workshops show you how.
 - Improve financial results through control of energy costs
 - Lower your municipal group benefit costs with LAS.
 - OMKN explores AMO conference session to find ways to support website development in Rural Municipalities.
- Career/Employment opportunities with the WOWC, Brampton Library and Norwich Township.
- AMO Watch File - March 25, 2010
 - Government responds to AMO & municipalities; announces 2008 OMPF reconciliation.
 - 1 week until the Gas Tax Reporting deadline!
 - Generating green in Hamilton. Learn more April 15 & 16.
 - Cut your cost and carbon footprint: Two LAS workshops show you how.
 - *Energy News/LASh* – learn how LAS can help your municipality with all things ‘energy.’
 - *Power Pledge* campaign gearing up.
 - Solar permitting and installation best practices webinar series launched.
- AMO Watch File - April 1, 2010
 - Province institutes stronger protections for seniors living in retirement homes.
 - Don Cousens on holding successful meetings.
 - Legislative Update: 3 new Bills directly impact municipalities.
 - Dr. Donna Dasko to discuss what motivates citizens to vote and more at *Urban Symposium*.
 - AMO Annual Conference Update: registration for companions, non members and government now available.
 - Call for proposals to stakeholders invested in adult literacy and essential skills training.
 - Council resolution regarding accessibility standards.
- AMO Events – 2010 Urban Symposium April 15-16 in Hamilton – program and registration form.
- AMO News - Province releases final reconciliation of 2008 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) Program.
 - 2010 Provincial Budget maintains Child Care and Infrastructure Funding, and increases Social Assistance costs.
 - Ontario Finance Minister encourages municipalities to freeze compensation

b) **Ministry of Community & Social Services** – EnAbling Change Partnership Program – submit Letter of Interest by April 23, 2010.**Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing** – Update newsletter, March, 2010

- c) **Emergency Management Ontario** – Introduction to Large Animal Rescue workshop in Clinton on May 1st. Registration \$40.00 each, or \$25.00 each for group of 5 or more.
- d) **Ben Lobb, MP** – Deadline is April 16th for applications for New Horizons for Seniors Program.
- e) **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)** – FCM News e-bulletin, March 22.
- f) **Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks & Treasurers of Ont (AMCTO)**
 - Advice to members on Ontario’s 2010 Budget, including MFOA Budget Analysis.
 - Nominate your municipality for the AMCTO Danby Award recognizing outstanding achievement.
- g) **Municipal World** – Highlights of April issue of Municipal World magazine.
- h) **Municipal Dataworks (MDW)** – MDW News bulletin, March, 2010
- i) **Willms & Shier** – invitation to Breakfast & Presentation re. Green Energy Act March 24th.
- j) **W & U Consulting** – ‘Government Assistance Newsletter for Employers’, April 2010
- k) **Gift of Life** – declaring April 18-25 National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week.
- l) **Municipality of Huron East Economic Development Officer** – Vote for Habitat for Humanity
- m) **Huron Business Development Corp (HBDC)**
 - Better Business Seminars for March
 - Better Business Seminars – revised listing of Spring Sessions

- Huron Women in Networking dinner on April 29th at Holmesville
- HDDB puts federal stimulus dollars to good use
- 'Business and Work in Huron County' newsletter, March 2010
- Better Business Seminars – revised list of Spring Workshops

n) **Huron Tourism Association (HTA)**

- Fiddle concert at Knox Church, Goderich, March 18th.
- The Livery, Goderich
 - 'Broken Embraces' March 25th – final show of Winter Film Fest .
 - 6th Annual Spring Fling Film Festival April 9th & 10th at the Park Theatre.
- The Little Inn, Bayfield 'Books and Brunch' events May 2nd and May 30th
- Huron Tourism 21st Annual Tourism Event and Brochure Swap registration due March 31st.
- Little Inn of Bayfield receives the CAA 'Four Diamond Award' for lodging and dining.
- Huron County Heritage and Culture Partnership hosting a free Cultural Volunteer Forum April 22nd at the REACH Centre in Clinton.
- South Huron Chamber of Commerce sponsoring an HST Information session March 30th.
- Maitland Trail Association holding 5th Annual Spring Hike, Plant & Compost Sale at Maitland Woods on Sunday, May 2nd, 10 am – 3 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #105/10

Moved by Henhoeffter

Seconded by Versteeg

THAT Howick Township Council now adjourns the April 6th, 2010 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council at 9:50 pm, with Council to meet again at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 20th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

REEVE

CLERK