

TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 1ST, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT THE HOWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Attendance:

Council Members

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

Staff

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

Delegations

1. Ontario Provincial Police - Huron Detachment Commander Shawn Johnson
2. Maitland Valley Conservation Authority - Phil Beard, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
 - Steve Jackson, Water Resources Engineer
 - Nathan Garland, Environmental Planner
3. Wroxeter Hall Board - Patricia Doogan-Seip; Cam Edgar; Carol Edgar; Elizabeth Allan; Phyllis Merkley; Louise Edgar; Margaret Hogg; Ruth Sharpin; Jim Seip

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 May 18th, 2010 was circulated in the Council package.

MOTION #156/10

Moved by Yungblut

Seconded by Versteeg

THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 18th, 2010, as circulated.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

1. Ontario Provincial Police - Huron Detachment Commander Shawn Johnson

Inspector Johnson thanked Council for the opportunity to present the *2009 Year End Report for Howick*, and provided a brief personal introduction, noting that he has served the OPP in Huron County as Operations Manager for the past 14 years. He is currently filling the role of Detachment Commander during Inspector Grant's absence.

Copies of the *2009 Year End Report for Howick* were distributed to Council and staff, and Inspection Johnson reviewed the information therein, including:

- Overview of service calls in Huron County and Howick, 2005-2009
- Incidents of Violent Crime (including assaults/sexual assaults) in Huron & Howick, 2005-2009
- Resources directed to 'Shooting - Attempted murder' incident in Hanover, Nov. 2009
- Community Partnership with Crime Stoppers (community/media/police)
- Property Theft incidents in Huron & Howick 2009
- Property Crime in Huron and Howick (arson, robbery, mischief, vandalism, break & enter), 2005-2009
- Traffic Collisions in Huron and Howick, 2005-2009
- Details of fatal motor vehicle collision in Howick, August, 2009
- Community Partnerships with Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP); Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)
- Resources directed to assessing traffic at McIntosh Corners
- Commercial Motor Vehicle Initiative and Enforcement

Inspector Johnson responded to questions from Council during and after the presentation, clarifying the information presented.

Reeve Demaray thanked Inspector Johnson, who left the meeting at this time (7:24 pm).

2. Maitland Valley Conservation Authority – Phil Beard, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. Beard expressed his thanks for the opportunity to address Council, and introduced Steve Jackson, Water Resources Engineer and Nathan Garland, Environmental Planner. He explained that as part of the Strategic Plan process (finalized last year), the Authority is committed to communicating with the Councils of the stakeholder municipalities to keep them apprised of the mission and priorities in the Maitland Valley watershed.

One of the priorities is to attempt to stabilize funding over the next five years. Government funding to Conservation Authorities remains at the same level it was in 1994, and staffing levels have not changed since the 1980's, while mandated services have increase significantly. This places the financial burden on the municipalities.

Another priority is to help municipalities and landowners to prepare for and adapt to climate change issues, such as increased incidents of high-intensity rain events, lake effect snow, more days of above-freezing temperatures, and ever-increasing erosion and run-off. Mr. Jackson has been working on projects to improve flood forecasting with better data collection, to provide assistance with municipal emergency plans, and to improve rural water management through the Soil and Water Environmental Enhancement Plan (SWEEP), an example of which is the Scott Municipal Drain Improvement project.

Mr. Garland explained that his role is to examine and monitor the impact of development on Natural Environment and Wetland areas, around watercourses, and on flood plain areas in the watershed, which Howick Township has in abundance. It is important to protect and preserve natural environment areas for the future.

Responding to questions, Mr. Beard noted, concerning the Gorrie dam, that while it has no flood control value, will continue to be maintained for its aesthetic value only. Should major reconstruction be necessary, the municipality is encouraged to petition the Ministry of Natural Resources to provide the needed funding. The structure is aging, and may not withstand the high-intensity rainfall events that have been experienced in recent years.

He also elaborated on the design and function of the Scott Municipal Drain project, which includes a 13-acre holding pond.

Reeve Demaray expressed Council's thanks for the presentation, and Mr. Beard, Mr. Garland and Mr. Jackson left the meeting at 7:40 pm.

3. Wroxeter Hall Board – Patricia Doogan-Seip

Ms. Seip, as designated spokesperson for the group, expressed their thanks for the opportunity to address Council, and advised that they were in attendance to inform Council that the Wroxeter Hall Board voted to purchase a new LED sign to replace the existing sign, in order to advertise multiple events. Cost of the sign is about \$9,000.00 and will be purchased through a lease-to-own agreement. Ms. Seip advised that the Board has not come to ask Council for financial assistance for this purchase.

However, they have come for clarification. At a recent Hall Board meeting, Councillor Scott advised that the Township *"is very happy with the changes we have made at the Wroxeter Hall and encouraged us to continue on"*. The Board was reassured by this meeting with Councillor Scott that, contrary to previous rumours, Council does not intend to close the community halls. Then, last week it was brought to their attention that Deputy Reeve Yungblut advised members of the Gorrie Hall that none of the community halls are self-sustaining and that due to accessibility issues, it may not be feasible to keep all of them open in the future.

The Wroxeter Hall Board takes exception to the comment that they are not "self-sustaining". As well, the Board and the community are upset that Council is considering closing the halls. Ms. Seip went on to list the projects they have undertaken and paid for since this Board took over operation of the Hall. The Board and the Community want to retain their hall, but feel they cannot move forward without assurance in writing that the Wroxeter Hall will not be closed. This written confirmation must be provided as soon as possible, before they enter into the lease agreement for the new sign. They have a healthy bank balance and feel they are self-sustaining.

The Board requests that *"it be mentioned in the minutes that the Wroxeter Hall would not be where it is today if it were not for the members and businesses of the community and surrounding area. We have accomplished this through their volunteering of time and donations of various sorts"*.

The Board requests a written reply from Council as soon as possible, because the community and those using the hall, need to know that their facility is not in jeopardy of being closed.

Deputy Reeve Yungblut responded, clarifying that pending legislation and regulations (under the (AODA) *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*) is a “wild card” – the Township doesn’t know what requirements and conditions will be imposed, which could require expenditures that may not be reasonable or feasible to bring the facilities into compliance. What is meant by “not self-sustaining” is that there simply is not a large enough volume of business to provide sufficient income from rentals alone, and the Board members must spend a good deal of time and effort on other fundraising initiatives in order to raise the revenue required to operate and maintain the buildings.

Mr. Edgar, quoting the excerpt from the Minutes of the May 4th, 2010 Council Meeting containing the remarks attributed to the Deputy Reeve, charged that if the Minutes are incorrect, they should be corrected.

It was noted that the Wroxeter Hall will deal with accessibility issues when the time comes, and that they may require help from the Township if the hall needs to be made accessible. The Wroxeter Hall is serving the community and is a great asset to the community. They want it clarified in writing that Council does not intend to close the hall, so they can reassure those who already have the facility booked.

Reeve Demaray expressed the opinion that the Wroxeter Hall Board has done an excellent job, and he feels that the facility could easily be made accessible. He asked about the new sign, and if it will be easy to read from the street, as the other was not. It was noted that it will be very visible, and also has the capacity for the Board to sell advertising spaces.

Councillor Versteeg also noted that he is very impressed with the accomplishments of the Hall Board, and added that Council has never discussed closing the halls. He feels that if the community has the commitment, then the hall will continue to thrive. He asked if they could be specific about what the Board wants from Council, and cautioned that this Council cannot speak for the next Council.

Mr. Edgar felt the Council minutes should be corrected, and that a letter be provided clearly stating that Council has no intention of closing the hall. As well, he expressed disappointment in the apparent lack of support from the Township, as indicated by the fact that only a few members of Council and staff have patronized the Pub Night and other events.

Mr. Edgar also leveled criticism that they are unable to get information and assistance from the Township regarding grant funding. They have sought out funding sources and submitted an application on their own initiative. He declined to divulge the source of the grant.

Reeve Demaray assured the Board members that a letter will be forthcoming, and thanked the members for bringing the issues to Council for discussion.

The Wroxeter Hall Board members left the meeting at this time.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

The following report was circulated in the Council package:

Incident Report May 15th to May 28th

May 15th, 2010: Mutual Aid – tanker assist to Minto Fire Department, Clifford Station. Three men out for 2 hrs.

May 26th, 2010: Ambulance Assist at 45814 Creamery Road. Victim collapsed. (1 hr)

Telephones

Rental on two telephones and ringer on apparatus floor is \$10.06 per month. We can purchase two phones and ringer for about \$70.00. Any repairs or replacements would be our responsibility. What is Council’s wish on this?

Council felt that the “figures speak for themselves” and directed that the required equipment be purchased.

Account Reporting

Should I be expensing each incident such as men’s wages, fuel, coffee and food purchased, etc, or any repairs as a result of the incident (ie. Porta Tank had to be repaired and an axe handle replaced after Cassel fire). I have not done this for any incidents. He added that the wives of the firefighters have formed an Auxiliary group, which will provide the firefighters with food and drinks as needed during a incident.

Treasurer Farinha clarified that costs such as those noted above, would be considered as general maintenance and repair expenses, and would not be considered “direct costs” associated with a particular fire incident. Costs are occasionally incurred when additional equipment must be called in (such as crane or hy-hoe), and such costs would be charged as an expense to the incident, and income recovered (ie. from insurance) would be recorded to Fire Revenue. Brief discussion ensued concerning requests from insurance companies for reports from the Fire Chief. Chief Doig noted that he has been advised not to provide such reports.

ADDENDUM

Heaters at Fire Hall

It was necessary to have Hensall Co-op come to check to see why the propane heaters were not working, and the cause was discovered to be a bird's nest in a pipe. The pipes need to be repaired, and Chief Doig will get further information about costs involved.

Chief Doig left the meeting at this time (8:28 pm).

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Ontario Municipal Insurance Exchange

Attached is correspondence from this organization. Neither our claims nor our premiums are escalating. Therefore at this time I doubt this organization will be useful to us.

Gas Tax Funding Agreement

The agreement has been ratified and is attached. We have received \$60K or half of the annual revenue.

Rural Connections Broadband Program

Correspondence attached from Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs advising of information sessions to be held May 31st, June 1st, and a webex session on June 2nd, to assist municipalities and other stakeholders with the application form and guidelines to apply for funding for broadband infrastructure.

Kincardine Bank Account

A news flash about the financial health or rather absence of financial health of Kincardine Municipality.

Accounts Payable

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

MOTION #157/10 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Versteeg**
THAT Howick Township Council authorizes payment of accounts in the amount of **\$463,097.64** under date June 1, 2010 as cheques #9289 to #9329 inclusive, as presented and discussed at the Regular Council Meeting held June 1st, 2010. **CARRIED**

PUBLIC WORKS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The following report as at May 28th and supporting documentation were circulated in the Council package:

ROADS

PUBLIC WORKS STAFF OPERATIONS

- Maintenance Gravel is substantially complete
- Paving in Fordwich, Gough Road & Victoria Street is substantially complete
- Bridge washing is complete
- Calcium application – 4 loads on by Friday, May 28th

WIGHTMAN TELECOM

Wightman is looking for a spot to locate a remote switching station and a standby generator in Fordwich. Council approval will be required. They have flagged possible locations. Please refer to the attached sketch. Conservation Authority approval would be required for the locations on Louisa Street.

Mr. Wilson noted that Wightman has indicated their preferred location to be on the lot at the northeast corner of Patrick and Louisa Streets west of the river. However, Mr. Wilson and the Fordwich Village Management Committee prefer that it be located at the intersection of Old Mill and Louisa Streets on the east side of the river. Council directed that Wightman be so advised. An Agreement specifying the details will be prepared for Council's ratification.

BUILDING

GREEN ENERGY ACT

The Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure and the Ministry of the Environment invited municipalities to an information session on our role in renewable energy approvals and projects. This session was in Mount Forest on Friday May 28th. I will be attending this session and I will provide you with an overview on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Wilson reported that nothing new has been proposed concerning solar energy projects. There are no Provincial regulations, municipalities cannot regulate through planning/zoning documents, and there is nothing in the Ontario Building Code to address such projects, unless it is a unit being attached to a building. The Province has established a Renewable Energy Facilitation Office.

DRAINAGE

ADDENDUM

The anticipated Drain Exemption Agreement with respect to the *Endangered Species Act* has now been received from the Ministry of Natural Resources, and a by-law has been prepared to enter into the Agreement and to authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign on behalf of the Corporation. NB: See Clerk's Report – By-Laws.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

HOWICK ZONING AMENDMENT

We have noticed several issues that were missed in the general amendment that was given approval by By-law 6-2010, passed by Council on April 6th. Denise Carnochan is recommending another amendment to rectify these issues. The Public Meeting could be on July 13th.

Mr. Wilson noted that two applications for Zone Amendment could also be dealt with at that time.

LANDFILL

CLOSED SESSION ISSUE

There is an issue related to a personnel matter that requires discussion.

BATTERY RECYCLING

I registered Howick for battery recycling at the Township office and at the landfill site. This service is free. The ship collection boxes to us and when a box is full we send it back to them. Information is attached.

OTHER

WROXETER DAM IMPROVEMENT

Tenders will be received at this office on June 14th at 2:00 p.m. They will be opened and a report will be available for Council consideration on the 15th.

ADDENDUM

Digging on Gough Road

In response to query, Mr. Wilson advised that Wightman Telecom is burying fibre-optic cable on Gough Road.

CLERKS REPORT

The following report as at May 28th and supporting documentation were circulated in the Council package:

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2010

1. **Nominations Update** – No further nominations have been filed to date.
2. **Compliance Audit Committee** – attached are copies of the following:
 - Minutes of the May 19th meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee,
 - Advertisement to be sent to local newspapers calling for applicants interested in serving on the *Huron County Municipalities Compliance Audit Committee*
 - Draft By-Law No. 16-2010 – a by-law to establish a Compliance Audit Committee and adopt Terms of Reference for the Committee
 - Schedule 'A' of By-Law No. 16 – Terms of Reference.

The advertisement will be posted in the newspapers (as listed in the Minutes) in July, once all of the Huron municipal Councils have passed their respective by-laws. An applicant for a position on the Committee must be a qualified elector in Huron County, and possess an in-depth knowledge of municipal election campaign finance rules. Prior political/government experience, service on a Committee, Task Force or Tribunal, and/or a professional in fields such as accounting, law, education, would be beneficial. Current members of Council, candidates for election, and municipal staff, are not eligible for appointment to the Compliance Audit Committee.

ACCESSIBILITY FOR ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES

Annual Operational Review

The Huron County Accessibility Co-ordinator has requested the lower-tier municipalities to provide the Operational Review in order to update the Joint Accessibility Plan for 2010. Enclosed is a proposed schedule showing plans for Building, By-Law and Operation reviews to identify and address identified barriers. Council approval is requested.

MOTION #158/10

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the Annual Operational Review Plan as presented and directs the Clerk to forward the information to the Huron County Accessibility Co-ordinator for inclusion in the 2010 Joint Accessibility Plan.

CARRIED

BrowseAloud System to Improve Web Site Accessibility

Attached is information about a “test-to- speech” system that can be added to the web site to improve accessibility and assist users who have visual or literacy impairments. Also included is information about the costs of installing this system. This may be something to consider in next year’s budget, to fulfill our Customer Service policies.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Enclosed is a notice from Huron County Emergency Management Services advising that the Annual Emergency Exercise will be held Wednesday, June 23rd at the Health Unit, Clinton from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. It is my understanding that this is to be a County-wide exercise.

PROPERTY STANDARDS

1. Proposed “Clean Yards” By-Law

Please review the proposed by-law provided at the May 18th Council meeting. If you feel everything is in order, Council may provisionally adopt the by-law, which will then be sent to Provincial Court for approval of the Fines Schedule. Upon approval, it may be finally passed. PWC Wilson noted that, unlike the Property Standards By-Law, this by-law does not clarify that publicly owned lands are excepted. Another concern was the impact on farming operations. It was decided that the by-law is not yet ready for adoption, and Council will review it further.

2. Revisions to Property Standards By-Law

Enclosed separately is a copy of the Property Standards By-Law, which has been amended to include the suggested ‘Fees and Charges’. The following changes have been made:

*Page 3, Section 2.1 “YARDS” paragraph 2) – added *derelict, unlicensed, inoperative* to further clarify undesirable vehicles and machinery.*

Page 13, Section 6.5 “PENALTY” – added paragraph 3) “An owner who fails to comply with a confirmed order may, as a result of such non-compliance, be charged applicable Service or Activity Fees as set out in Schedule ‘A’ hereto attached.

Page 15, SCHEDULE ‘A’ - PROPERTY STANDARDS FEE SCHEDULE – added the following new fees:

Appeal of Property Standards Order

Where Order not quashed on appeal:

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| a) Charge for each subsequent Order issued | \$100.00 |
| b) Charge for each Officer who attends hearings | \$25.00 per hour |

Inspections Where Owner Fails to Comply with Order

Charge for each subsequent inspection necessitated by the non-compliance of the original Order	\$75.00
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Remedial Work Undertaken by Township

Charges for costs of work undertaken	100% of costs
Administrative Fee for work undertaken	15% of costs

Please review the by-law in its entirety to determine if other changes are required or desired to make it more effective. I will compile a list of comments/suggestions for discussion at the next meeting. If none, the by-law will be prepared for enactment at that time.

RETIREMENT OF CLERK

Consideration should be given to advertising soon for the Clerk’s position. It would be beneficial to have the replacement here a little in advance of my termination at the end of October, especially as this is an election year. Council directed that an advertisement be prepared for approval at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION

Minister Responsible for Seniors – now accepting nominations for the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship. Deadline for nominations is August 17th. Noted. Action: File

South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) – seeking ways to increase understanding and awareness of their work. Request that we contact them if Council would be interested in having the Board Chair or CEO attend a Council meeting. The Clerk was directed to hold this information pending further consideration.

PC Caucus “Rural Task Force” – invitation to Reeve Demaray to attend a discussion session in Wingham on June 10th. All other members of Council noted they had received similar invitations. Reeve Demaray volunteered to attend.

ADDENDA

Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) – notification that, during the FIFA World Cup tournament, which starts June 11th and ends July 11th, liquor service in licenced establishments in Ontario may start at 10:00 am. Although permitted under the *Liquor Licence Act*, if a municipality objects to the temporary extension of hours in their jurisdiction, they may notify the Registrar in writing of the objections and the local wishes will be respected. Such notification must be faxed to AGCO before June 11th. Council has no objections to the extension of hours.

Mike Pullen, Huron Economic Development Services
Economic Development Strategies Phase 2 Industry and Municipal consultations now underway, and one-on-one municipal meetings are being scheduled for the Consultant Management team to meet with Council and staff members to hear ideas, recommendations, opportunities, challenges, needs, questions, etc. We are asked to choose two preferred dates and times from the enclosed list (June 28th, 29th or 30th) and specify a meeting location. Council determined that the meeting will be held at the Howick Municipal Office, and selected Wednesday, June 30th at 3:30 pm as the first choice, and Tuesday, June 29th at 3:30 pm as their second choice of date and time to meet.

The next meeting of the Warden’s Economic Development Task Force is scheduled for Friday, June 25th – to prepare for the municipal consultation meetings.

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS

Arran-Elderslie, Municipality of – seeking support of their By-Law No. 14-10 enacted to restrict the issuance of building permits for construction of wind generation facilities, subject to provision of certifications from various Federal and Provincial ministries. PWC Wilson noted that information about the by-law has been discussed among local Building Officials. Local by-laws cannot impose requirements that are contrary to provincial legislation, and therefore the by-law cannot be supported or legally enforced.

BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 16-2010 - To Establish an Election Compliance Audit Committee

MOTION #159/10	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Yungblut
THAT Howick Township Council gives first, second, and third and final reading to By-Law No. 16-2010, being a by-law to Establish an Election Compliance Audit Committee for the Township of Howick.		
CARRIED		

By-Law No. 17-2010 - To Regulate the Maintenance of Land and Clean Yards – pending

ADDENDUM

By-Law No. 18-2010 - Agreement with MNR to Regulate Drainage Works Activities under Endangered Species Act

MOTION #160/10**Moved by Versteeg****Seconded by Scott**

THAT Howick Township Council gives first and second, and third and final reading to By-Law No. 18-2010, being a by-law to authorize entering into an Agreement with the Minister of Natural Resources to Regulate Drainage Works Activities with respect to the *Endangered Species Act, 2007*.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- Minutes of the closed session held May 4th, 2010
- By-Law Enforcement Officer's Report
- Public Works Co-ordinator's Report - Personnel Matter

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Belmore Community Centre Board** - no report**Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP)** - next meeting will be held June 9th**County of Huron**

Reeve Demaray reported:

- Much discussion at the May 19th meeting focused on funding for Social Housing
- The County will continue to fund social housing in Goderich
- David Lew, Director of EMS I working to reduce ambulance response times
- Reeve Demaray attended the Innovations in Agriculture Awards presentations
- Attended the official opening of the new "Bridges" subdivision in Seaforth
- Attended the Air Cadets event in Wingham – very impressive; everyone should attend

Huron Bruce Transit

The following were circulated in the Council package:

- Minutes of the May 6th meeting
- Agenda for the May 26th meeting
- Minutes of the May 26th meeting

Councillor Scott referred to the Minutes of the May 26th meeting, noting that Resolution No. 10-05-26-2 was passed stating that Huron-Bruce Transit will officially close on May 31st, 2010. The participating municipalities are asked to pass motions concurring with this action.

MOTION #161/10**Moved by Scott****Seconded by Versteeg**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby concurs with Motion #10-05-26-2 of the Huron Bruce Transit Board of Directors resolving to terminate the Huron Bruce Transit system effective May 31, 2010.

CARRIED

Huron County Farm and Home Safety - next meeting June 10th**Maitland Economic Development Committee**

Reeve Demaray noted that a website promotion offering a prize of tickets for the Brussels Lions Elimination Draw has had 60 hits to date.

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)

Councillor Versteeg asked for Council's input concerning the this evening's presentation by the MVCA staff. It was generally agreed that the information was worthwhile. Treasurer Farinha commented that the funding information was revealing, and questioned why provincial funding has not increased over the years. Mr. Versteeg noted that the previous Provincial Government imposed a freeze, which have not since been lifted. As well, it is the mandate of Conservation Ontario to lobby for funding, but their efforts to date have not been effective. Because the work of Conservation Authorities is somewhat "piecemeal", with some work under authority of the Ministry of Natural Resources, and some under the Ministry of Environment, it seems that funding commitments have also been "piecemeal".

Councillor Versteeg commented on the process for permit applications. Staff may now approve or deny an application, and a staff decision may be appealed to the Board.

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) - no report**MVCA Source Water Protection (SWP)** - no report**SVCA Source Water Protection**

The following information was circulated in the Council package:

- Minutes of Meeting #25 held March 26th

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION #162/10

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Versteeg

THAT Howick Township Council at this time (10:02 pm) closes this portion of the June 1st, 2010 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 (2) (b), (e)*, to deal with personal and potential legal matters. CARRIED

Matters Dealt with in Closed Session:

- Minutes of Closed Session held May 4th, 2010 (Approved by Motion #163/10)
- By-Law Enforcement Officer's Report
- Public Works Co-ordinator's Report – Personnel matter

MOTION #164/10

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Henhoeffer

THAT Howick Township Council now re-opens the June 1st, 2010 Regular Council meeting to the public at this time (10:20 pm). CARRIED

COUNCILLORS ISSUES

Wroxeter Hall Board

Council directed that a letter from the Reeve be drafted stating that this Council has not discussed, and has no intention at this time of closing the Wroxeter Hall, and conveying Council's appreciation to the Board for their accomplishments at the Hall.

A brief update was provided concerning the status of the Wroxeter Hall financial reporting and audit arrangements.

Gorrie Hall Board

Councillor Scott advised that he found information about a used furnace that might be suitable for use at the Gorrie Hall, and has passed this information on to Mrs. King.

CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) (copies attached) - none

- Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs** – release of publication 'A Strategic Framework to End Violence Against Aboriginal Women' (Publication available – copies not included)
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs** – Premier's Awards for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence presented in Wingham to local recipients.
- Howick and District Lions Club** – Thank you for allowing road toll events, and for discussion about liability insurance.

CORRESPONDENCE forwarded via E-Mail (May 14 – 29, 2010) (No copies attached)

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

- **AMO Watch File – May 20, 2010**

- *Bancroft This Week* editorial on the challenges municipal councils face.
- Province introduces *Water Opportunities and Conservation Act*.
- Update from the Government on implementation of the *Long Term Care Homes Act*.
- Long Term Care Homes soon to enter into funding agreements with LHINs.
- PowerPledge campaign gaining momentum.
- New Private Member Public Bill introduced that impacts municipalities.
- Draft Federal wastewater effluent regulations under the *Fisheries Act*.
- Conference Update: New keynotes & concurrent info now available.
- Process for Ministers' and PA Delegations at AMO Conference.
- Sound bytes & headlines: June 1 Kingston media training.
- Solar PV RFP template now available on LAS website.
- Electronic Stewardship-Roll-Off program for municipal sites and events.
- *Links to full text articles below.*

- **AMO Watch File – May 27, 2010**

- Municipal requirements in the *Water Opportunities and Water Conservation Act*.
- Chief Medical Officer of Health releases review of perceived health effects of wind turbines.
- 2 Government Bills and 3 Private Member Public bills introduced that impact municipalities.
- Peterborough's Gas Tax project gets attention.
- Coyne, Kreskin, Miner, Swain all in one place – Windsor Aug 15-18, will you be there?
- What you need to know about media relations, social media and open data.
- Career/Employment Opportunity for a Town Engineer.
- *Links to full text articles below.*

- **AMO Breaking News May 18, 2010:**

1. *Water Opportunities and Water Conservation Act* introduced – to encourage wise water use
2. Bill 16, Schedule 25, *Public Sector Compensation Restraint to Protect Public Services Act* freezes compensation of non-bargaining political and public sector employees.

b) **Ministries of Energy/Infrastructure and Environment** – invitation to "Municipal Staff working with renewable energy projects" to attend a workshop in Mt. Forest on May 28th.

c) **Emergency Management Ontario** – Heat Stress awareness and prevention information

