

TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 16th, 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 (late arrival)

Delegations - none

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 2nd, 2010 was circulated in the Council package.

MOTION #071/10	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Versteeg
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 2nd, 2010, as circulated.		CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Annual Audit 2009

The audit was completed in 4 days instead of the usual 5. There were no issues due to the high quality of our accounting procedures, controls and records. The audit of fixed assets is a separate, one time process this year due to the PSAB legislation. The auditors will get underway with this soon. The Wingham Area Fire Board (WAFB) books still have to be completed and audited. We expect this will be done in another 2 weeks. Once these auxiliary items are done, the auditors will complete our formal annual statements and present them to Council. 2009 was a very successful year for our Municipality.

Transfer of funds between Reserves

Transfers between Reserve Funds need to be done as a result of 2009 capital outlays. The total net inter-fund transfer is \$402,072.98, which will be moved to the General Reserve Account. This is comprised mainly of the clearing of the Gas Tax Reserve \$319K and the Pool Reserve \$101K. A supporting schedule is attached. These transfers have been thoroughly discussed with the auditors, who agree.

MOTION #072/10	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Yungblut
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes transfers between Reserve Funds shown on Schedule 'A' "Township of Howick Capital Budget 2009" attached hereto, as specified under "Actual" - "Transfer to/(from) Reserves (pending)", said transfers amounting to \$402,072.98.		CARRIED

Surplus 2009

After all Council approved transfers between operations and Reserves, and with the annual 2009 audit concluded, there is an operating surplus of \$211,038.20. I would like to transfer this to the General Reserve Fund.

Responding to a question about where this “surplus” comes from, Treasurer Farinha explained that the surplus was due to the following reasons:

1. In 2009 we were entitled to about \$214K in Grants for Infrastructure and Recreation Projects.
2. New PSAB (Public Service Accounting Board) procedures, implemented in 2009, now require that tangible capital assets be “capitalized” on the balance sheet whereas before capital purchases were “expense items”

Per PSAB, once capitalized, the assets would be depreciated and said depreciation would be set aside in reserves to replace those capital assets at a future date.

MOTION #073/10 **Moved by Yungblut** **Seconded by Versteeg**
 THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the transfer of funds in the amount of \$211,038.20 from ‘Operations’ to ‘Reserves’ as shown on Schedule ‘A’ “*Township of Howick Statement of Continuity - Operating Fund Equity – December 31, 2009*” attached hereto. CARRIED

Audit Fee Comparison from South Bruce Peninsula

Council received a comparative listing of 11 local municipalities showing information under the following headings: *Number of Households; Taxable Assessment; Audit Fees (including/excluding FIR); Tangible Capital Assets’ Audit Fees; Cost of Capital Assets; Audit Firm 2008.*

Who has the lowest audit fees? Howick of course!

Accounts Payable

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

MOTION #074/10 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Versteeg**
 THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes payment of accounts in the amount of **\$598,577.58** under date March 16th, 2010 as cheques #9040 to #9095 inclusive, as presented and discussed at the Regular Council meeting held March 16th, 2010. CARRIED

RECREATION/FACILITIES SUPERVISOR’S REPORT – no report

PUBLIC WORKS CO-ORDINATOR’S REPORT

The following report as at March 12th and supporting documentation were circulated in the Council package:

ROADS

AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL ACT – Minimum Maintenance Standards (MMS)

A letter has been sent to the Village Management Committees regarding the sidewalk inspection program.

MAINTENANCE GRAVEL TENDER

Tenders for gravel closed on March 16th at 2:00 p.m. A summary of Tenders submitted was provided at the meeting:

CONTRACTOR	START DATE	SEC.7.1 UNIT PRICE	SEC. 7.2 UNIT PRICE	TOTAL	PST	GST	TOTAL ESTIMATED TENDER
Donegan’s Haulage	May 6	\$7.22	\$6.90	\$230,880.	\$10,240.	\$11,544.	\$252,664.00
Joe Kerr Ltd.	May 6	\$6.89	\$6.89	\$220,480.	\$10,240.	\$11,024.	\$241,744.00

Mr. Wilson noted that the price reflects an increase of 4% over last year, which appears to be reasonable as fuel costs are rising again.

MOTION #075/10 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Henhoeffer**
 THAT Howick Township Council hereby awards the tender for the supply, crushing, loading, hauling and placing of approximately 32,000 tonnes of Type ‘A’ maintenance gravel to the firm of Joe Kerr Ltd. of Wingham at the tendered unit price of \$6.89 plus applicable taxes. CARRIED

CALCIUM CHLORIDE TENDER

The Municipality of South Bruce received tenders for calcium chloride again this year. The results are enclosed. Da Lee’s price is the same as 2009 and has been accepted by South Bruce.

TRAINING

Guelph Road School - I would like to send Dean and Doug for continuing education at the OGRA Road School from May 3rd to May 5th. Dean would be registered in Bridge & Culvert management and Doug in Plan Reading & Contract Interpretation. The course outline is enclosed. Funds are included in the Budget for this training.

MOTION #076/10

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the attendance of Public Works employees Doug Chapman and Dean Nicholson at the OGRA Road School in Guelph, and agrees to pay the Registration fee of \$765.00 for each as well as any other costs associated with their attendance at the training.

CARRIED

Huron/Wellington Truck Safety Rodeo – I would like to register two members of the Public Works staff for the annual Truck Rodeo that will be in Fergus on April 21st. The cost is \$100.00 per person. Funds are available in the Budget for this expense.

MOTION #077/10

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Public Works Co-ordinator to register two Public Works Employees in the annual Truck Rodeo being held in Fergus on April 21st, and agrees to pay the registration fee of \$100.00 for each and any other costs associated with their attendance at this event.

CARRIED

BUILDING - NO REPORT

DRAINAGE - NO REPORT

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

PLANNER

Denise Carnochan, Planner, is expecting to spend the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Howick Township Municipal Office. This will provide a good opportunity for residents of the Township to ask planning questions, obtain advice on planning issues and get assistance with applications.

LANDFILL

E-WASTE

Greentec International, Stratford, is the company that has been accepting E-waste. When our bin was full, Public Works staff transferred the material into our truck and delivered it to Stratford. Representatives from their company were at the landfill site a couple of weeks ago. They plan to install a closed-in roll-off bin at the landfill and pick it up when the bin is full. This will reduce our cost for recycling.

OTHER - NO REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE (Information only)

- Maitland Valley Conservation Authority – Information on the Class Authorization process for work on Municipal Drains
- Source Water Protection - Comments from LICO regarding the Draft Proposed Assessment Report

CLERKS REPORT

The following report as at March 12th and supporting documentation were circulated in the Council package:

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2010

1. **Nominations Update** – to date, no further Nomination Forms have been filed.
2. **Information for Candidates** – I have now received the AMCTO *Municipal Elections Manual 2010* which contains the 'Information for Candidates' template. I am currently customizing the template, and will have it ready for Howick candidates as soon as I receive updated information from Huron County Highways Department regarding placement of election signs along County Roads.

3. **Election Training** – Administrative Assistant Bennett and I attended the AMCTO training workshop in Guelph, and found it a good refresher and update on what's new. A good deal of emphasis was put on ensuring that persons with disabilities are accommodated during the election process, in view of a Human Rights Tribunal ruling that Elections Canada failed to provide barrier-free access to a voting place and ordered that the complainant be paid \$10,000.00 for pain and suffering.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

CANWARN Training – attached is information and schedule of training sessions being held throughout Ontario. Since severe weather and tornado incidents are identified as high probability of occurring in Howick Township, it would be beneficial for the CEMC, the Alternate, and any other Emergency Control Group members to attend the training. Costs would be for travel only. The closest session is being held at Bingeman's in Kitchener on April 21st. Reeve Demaray noted that a session is being held in London on April 13th, and since he will be in London on that date for another matter he would consider attending the CanWarn session there.

MOTION #078/10

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Scott

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes attendance of the following at the CanWarn Emergency Management Training being held in Kitchener on April 21st, 2010 and agrees to pay the costs of attendance at this workshop: Clerk/CEMC Johnson; Fire Chief Doig; Councillor Scott; Deputy Reeve Yungblut; Reeve Demaray – London on April 13th. CARRIED

LIVESTOCK, POULTRY & HONEY BEE PROTECTION ACT

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs is offering a training session in Exeter on April 22nd. As administrator of this Act, I would be interested in attending the training, and would recommend that our Livestock Valuer, Councillor Scott, also attend if possible.

MOTION #079/10

Moved by Yungblut

Seconded by Versteeg

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes attendance of the following at the OMAFRA 'Livestock, Poultry and Honey Bee Protection Act' training session being held in Exeter on April 22nd, 2010, and agrees to pay the costs of attendance at this workshop: Clerk Johnson; Councillor Scott. CARRIED

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL MANAGERS, CLERKS & TREASURERS (AMCTO)

Enclosed is information about the AMCTO Annual Conference being held in Huntsville on June 6th – 9th. I am planning to attend this event (as authorized in my Employment Agreement) and will be travelling with other municipal staff from this area.

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION

1. **Ministry of Citizenship & Immigration** – now accepting nominations for the *Lincoln M. Alexander Award* honouring young Ontarians who have demonstrated leadership in contributing toward elimination of discrimination. Deadline for nominations is May 31st. Action: File
2. **Jerry J. Ouellette, MPP** – seeking input and comments from Council on the legislation, regulations and responsibilities of Conservation Authorities, including good aspects as well as what needs to be changed. Action: File
3. **Ministries of Environment / Energy / Municipal Affairs** – invitation to Renewable Energy Training workshop being held in London on April 1st. Register by March 19th. Action: File
4. **Maitland Conservation Foundation** – invitation to the 22nd Annual Dinner and Auction to be held in Brussels on April 23rd. Tickets \$30.00 each. Action: File
5. **R.J. Burnside & Associates** – just a reminder about the Client Appreciation Night on March 31st. We are asked to RSVP by March 24th.

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS

1. **Huron County** – requesting support of the following resolution: (received March 9th)
THAT Huron County Council support the Ontario Agriculture Sustainability Coalition (OASC) consisting of the Ontario Port Producers, Ontario Cattlemen's Association, Ontario Veal Producers, Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association, Grain Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, and the Huron County Federation of Agriculture, by requesting a meeting with Huron-

Bruce MPP Carol Mitchell at the ROMA/OGRA conference to support the OASC lobbying for immediate adjustments to the Agri-Stability Program,
AND FURTHER THAT this motion be presented to the Southwest Economic Alliance (SWEA) for their support as agri-business is a vital economic industry in South Western Ontario. Action: File

2. **Huron County** – requesting support of the following resolution: (received March 9th)
THAT the Mandatory Septic System Maintenance Inspection Program for Huron County proceed in 2010 as a user pay program,
AND FURTHER THAT an application be made to the Provincial Government for assistance for residential repair or replacement of rural septic systems.

A copy of the report “*Mandatory Septic System Maintenance Inspection Program*” from the Planning Department to County Council dated January 25th, 2010 was included in the Council package for reference.

Several issues and questions were raised during discussion, such as:

- Delivery cost based on 350 inspections per year (at that rate it would take over 37 years to inspect the 13,269 septic systems in the County)
- More than 350 inspections would need to be done annually, thus more staff will be required and delivery costs will be higher.
- Property owners’ would not get value for money paid (\$46.00 annually for inspection every 7 years; \$27.00 annually for inspection every 12 years).
- There is no guarantee that financial assistance will be available to owners ordered to replace their septic system.

Howick Council determined that they are not interested in participating in the program.

3. **The Nation Municipality** – seeking support of a resolution requesting OMAFRA to reconsider its refusal of an application by Machabee Animal Foods Inc (dead stock removal) for funding for a feasibility study and construction of an anaerobic bio-digester.

Clerk Johnson noted that the resolution states “*That this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Eastern Ontario from Peterborough to the Quebec border ...*”, and she felt that perhaps it had been sent to us in error. Howick Council agreed that this is a local matter and directed that the resolution be filed.

BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 06-2010 – Agreement for Provision of Mutual Aid in Morris-Turnberry

MOTION #080/10

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Scott

THAT Howick Township Council gives first, second, and third and final reading to By-Law No. 06-2010, being a by-law to authorize entering into an Agreement to provide and/or receive fire protection services within the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry. CARRIED

Morris-Turnberry Fire Protection Agreement

Enclosed for Council’s information is a draft of the Agreement between Howick and Morris-Turnberry for provision of fire protection services by Howick Fire Department in a portion of Morris-Turnberry. This Agreement is being considered by the Council of Morris-Turnberry, and will be forwarded to Howick for ratification at the next Council meeting.

Concern was raised about the wording in item #13 of Schedule ‘B’ - Fire Services, which states that “*Emergency First Response will be provided when: ...*”. It was suggested that this be changed to read “*Emergency Ambulance Assistance will be provided*” as Howick Firefighters are not trained to be first responders. Fire Chief Doig explained that the Agreement specifies that the Fire Department will only respond when an ambulance is not available and a “significant ambulance delay” is expected. Firefighters are not expected to provide paramedic services, but do have First Aid and CPR training and could provide some assistance until an ambulance arrives. This is not the same as “Tiered Response” which requires that all emergency services (ambulance, police and fire) respond to a call. Chief Doig assured Council that if such calls become too frequent and he feels the service is being abused, he will take action. He felt the wording in the Agreement was appropriate.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- Minutes of the closed session held Feb.16, 2010
- By-Law Enforcement Officer’s Report

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

The following report was circulated in the Council package:

Incident Report – none at time of report. Chief Doig reported that Howick was called to assist the North Huron Fire Department at a barn fire in Morris-Turnberry on March 15th.

Fire Inspections – March 15th - Fordwich Village Nursing Home

Chief Doig noted that he has been requested to provide more information to Council about the fire inspections conducted (ie. if violations are found, and when corrected). Chief Doig will look into how much information can be disclosed.

Thermal Imaging Camera

The camera arrived on March 8th. The camera truck charger will be mounted in the pumper unit, and camera training will commence in the following weeks.

Turnout Gear

Three new sets of turnout gear, at a cost of about \$1,600.00 each, will need to be ordered by the end of March (end of probationary period for recruits). I am presently obtaining price quotes for the gear and will report prices at the next meeting. This was not included in the budget.

Funeral

Howick Firefighters attended the visitation and funeral for OPP Constable Vu Pham on March 11th and 12th.

Decals for Vehicles

Treasurer Farinha has requested clarification regarding the decal signs for the fire trucks. The original price was from Rainbow Signs, which included an option to purchase the rights to the design of the decal for \$300.00. Council and myself agreed not to purchase this. Therefore, Rob Carney (Howick Firefighter), who designed the decal and is an employee of Rainbow Signs, purchased the rights to the design and was given the OK by Rainbow Signs to submit an invoice in his name to Howick Township for the cost and installation of the decals. Therefore, anytime Howick Township Fire Department wants to use this design (ie. for uniform crests, business cards, letterhead, etc.) Howick will have to pay Rob Carney \$30.00. I have checked with Rainbow Signs to verify that nothing illegal happened, and they have indicated that everything is okay with them.

Also, another local supplier who quoted on the truck lettering requested information on who lettered the trucks, who else quoted, and the cost of the decals. I have e-mailed the information.

Concern was expressed that payment to a Howick Firefighter for use of the design may have the appearance of a conflict of interest, and it was suggested that perhaps the Howick Firefighters Association should purchase the right to use the design. Chief Doig will discuss this with the members.

Radio Operators

I have confirmed with the two retired firefighters that they are willing to serve as radio operators, if needed. A resolution is required to employ them for this purpose and to pay them the firefighter wage for their time.

MOTION #081/10 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Yungblut**
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Fire Chief to employ the services of retired Firefighters Ron Mann and David Shaw to operate the radio at the Howick Fire Hall when the need arises as determined by the Fire Chief or Officer in Charge,
AND THAT when these men are employed for this purpose they will be paid at the same hourly rate as a firefighter. CARRIED

ADDENDA

Change of Fire Services Advisor

James Zimmerman, currently serving as Fire Services Advisor for this area, is leaving the Office of the Fire Marshal to fill the position of Deputy Fire Chief with the City of Waterloo. Howick's Fire Services Advisor will be Tom Everett.

Municipal Fire Protection Training

Chief Doig advised that a training session, similar to one that he and Deputy Chief Edgar attended last year, will be held in Wingham this year and he is contemplating sending some of his officers. Costs would include travel and meal expenses, and a full-day's pay for each. Since this was not included in this year's budget, Council agreed that it be deferred and that Chief Doig ensure that provision is made for such training in the budget for next year.

Pre-Plan for Belmore Community Centre

Councillor Scott advised Chief Doig to contact Treasurer Evelyn Dickson regarding completion of his pre-plan for the Belmore Community Centre.

Chief Doig left the meeting at this time (8:20 pm).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Belmore Community Centre Board

Councillor Scott reported from the March 15th Board Meeting:

- All are “gearing up” for the Maple Syrup Festival (April 8th & 10th)
- The ice plant was shut down yesterday
- Repairs are being done to the compressor room door and floor
- Health Unit inspection was done on Feb. 19th
- Water testing will be done at the end of March
- A rebuilt water pump will be installed
- Hall floors will be refinished after the Syrup Festival
- Expenses include: Hydro - \$5,086.; Furnace Oil - \$3,304.; Propane - \$633.
- Georgian Bay was in to repair lights
- The Board will remit payment for insurance in 2 installments - ½ in March, ½ in April

Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP)

Copies of the following were circulated in the Council package:

- Minutes of February 10th Meeting
- Agenda for March 10th Meeting

Councillor Henhoeffler reported from the March 10th meeting:

- Finalizing details for the Seniors’ Safe Driving seminars – 3 Spring and 3 Fall sessions
- Presentations will be made by OPP (driving safety) and MTO (“Time to hang up the keys”)
- Councillor Henhoeffler and Morris-Turnberry Councillor Nelemans are looking after a fall session, which may be held in Brussels or Fordwich
- Hoping to co-ordinate with local Seniors Groups meetings, which will help reduce costs
- The Committee will apply for a grant of \$500.00 for the annual Road Safety Challenge, the theme of which is “Eyes on the Road – Hands on the Wheel”
- A schedule of locations is being set up for the electronic speed sign.
- The next Committee meeting will be April 14th.

County of Huron

A copy of notes from the March 5th Warden’s Economic Development Task Force was circulated in the Council package.

Reeve Demaray reported from the March 10th Council meeting:

- Formulating a program for recognition of Police and Firefighter of the Year
- The County’s Official Plan was passed
- Howick’s Official Plan was passed at the Committee level, and will proceed to County Council’s April 7th meeting
- An amendment on property in North Huron was passed by a 17 to 4 vote. Concerns about traffic were raised.

Huron Bruce Transit - meeting on March 29th

Huron County Farm and Home Safety

Councillor Versteeg reported from last week’s meeting:

- Planning for the annual Agriculture & Water Festival to be held in Seaforth April 7th & 8th.
- 500-600 students are expected to attend
- Grab bags for the students will include ear plugs

Maitland Economic Development Committee

A copy of correspondence regarding the ‘Motocross Tailgate Party’ to be held in Blyth on August 8th & 9th was circulated in the Council package.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for March 18th.

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)

MVCA Watershed Report Cards were provided to each Council member.

Councillor Versteeg pointed out that the information indicates that the North Maitland area is considered “healthy”, whereas the Middle Maitland area is less so due mainly to the lack of forest/tree cover. He advised that some local municipalities provide 2 free trees to property owners each year to promote reforestation, and suggested that Howick could look at starting a similar program.

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) - no report

MVCA Source Water Protection (SWP) - no report

SVCA Source Water Protection

‘Profile’ Bulletin, March, 2010 was circulated in the Council package.

COUNCILLORS ISSUES

Huron – Perth Garden Tour Initiative

Councillor Henhoeffter provided a Grey-Bruce County brochure containing a “Garden Tour” map, and advised that Huron-Perth is presently gathering similar information from local garden enthusiasts to add to the “Shakespeare to the Shoreline” tourism brochure. The new initiative will be launched in the spring of 2011.

Howick Market Garden

The Howick Agricultural Society is setting up a Steering Committee to work on the establishment of a Farmers’ Market in Howick. A meeting is scheduled for Thurs., March 18th.

Wroxeter Riverbank Repair

Reeve Demaray requested an update on the project. PWC Wilson advised that the Engineer is preparing the requested work and is expected to have a report ready in April. The work will not commence until mid-summer, and therefore, the Village Management have been advised to go ahead and install the gates in the dam at the usual time in the spring.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION #082/10

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Versteeg

THAT Howick Township Council at this time (8:45 pm) closes this portion of the March 16th, 2010 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 (2) (b), (e), (f)*, to deal with personal and legal matters. CARRIED

Matters dealt with in closed session:

- Minutes of Closed Session held February 16th, 2010. (Approved by Resolution #083/10)
- By-Law Enforcement Officer’s Report

MOTION #084/10

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Scott

THAT Howick Township Council now re-opens the March 16th, 2010 Regular Council meeting to the public at this time (8:50 pm). CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) (copies attached)

- a) **Ministry of Natural Resources** – Information – Dealing with Coyote Conflicts
- b) **Office of the Fire Marshal** – announcing staff appointments for this region: Fire Protection Advisor Thom Evered and Fire Protection Specialist Jamie Zimmerman
- c) **World Wildlife Fund** – get involved, turn off the lights during ‘Earth Hour’ March 27th at 8:30 pm
- d) **Huron County Health Unit** – offering Safe Food Handling courses April 8, 15, 22, 29
- e) **Huron Tourism Association**
 - Minutes of General Meeting Dec. 9, 2009
 - Huron Tourism News, Winter-Spring 2010
 - Annual Tourism Report (full Report available – copy not included)

CORRESPONDENCE forwarded via E-Mail (March 1 – 12, 2010) (No copies attached)

a) **Association of Municipalities of Ontario**

- AMO Watch File – March 4, 2010
 - Federal Throne Speech Reaffirms Commitment to Economic Stimulus
 - Streamlining Change to Ontario Works Cost of Administration Impact Fixed for 2010
 - AMO Calling for Federal Gas Tax Award Submissions
 - AMO bringing the world to Hamilton for the 2010 Urban Symposium, April 15-16
 - Cut your cost and carbon footprint : Two LAS workshops show you how
 - AMO offering media/communications training in Northern & Eastern Ontario
 - OMERS Deficit Grows Again
 - Call for Submissions for the 2010 Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Awards
 - Subscribe to Municom – Your Comprehensive Municipal Information Source!
 - Renegotiated Land Agreement Support Requested
 - Career/Employment Opportunities at LAS, Niagara Region and MMAH (Thunder Bay)
- AMO Watch File – March 11, 2010
 - Want to benefit from an early 2010 Gas Tax Payment?
 - Anti-poverty crusader Senator Art Eggleton to speak at Urban Symposium (April 15 & 16)
 - Cut your cost and carbon footprint: Two LAS workshops show you how
 - Read the latest copy of LAS’s *Energy News/LASh Newsletter*
 - OMKN explores AMO conference session to find ways to support website development in Rural Municipalities
 - Sign Up for the 57th Annual OSUM Conference
 - Power Pledge revs up with March 23 webcast
 - RFP for the selection of executive search firm for CAO position
 - Career opportunities at SIU, Ministry of Health & LTC, Twp of Leeds & the Thousand Islands, and Centre Hastings.
- AMO Events – 2010 Urban Symposium April 15-16 in Hamilton – program and registration form.

- AMO News
 - OMERS Pension Fund Deficit continues to grow.
 - McGuinty Government prorogues legislature to prepare throne speech.
 - Federal Budget actions include infrastructure stimulus spending, Health & Social transfer payments.
 - Ontario Throne Speech commits to investing in green economy, education, health and balancing budget.
- AMO/LAS Energy newsflash, Issue 06, Feb. 2010
- b) **Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs** – OMAFRA Connects newsletter, March 2010
- c) **Ministry of Health**
 - South West Local Health Integration Network - Highlights from February Board of Directors
 - South West Local Health Integration Network – ‘Exchange’ Newsletter, March 5, 2010
- d) **Ontario Power Authority** – March 3rd webcast re. Power Pledge Community Challenge Aug. 11th
- e) **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)** – Meaford hosting “Eureka Exchange” Green Technology for Small Business March 20th, 2010.
- f) **Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks & Treasurers of Ont** – Municipal Monitor digital edition March/April, 2010.
- g) **Maitland Valley Conservation Authority** - High Water / Safety Bulletin, March 12th
- h) **Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority** - Watershed conditions – March 4th, 9th
 - High Water / Safety Bulletin, March 12th
- i) **Huron Business Development Corp**
 - Better Business Seminar “Streamlining Administration” March 11th in Clinton
 - Better Business Seminars – Listing of Spring Sessions
 - Better Business Seminars – updated Listing of Spring Sessions
 - Notice – CBC “Dragon’s Den” hosting auditions in Waterloo on March 22nd
- j) **Huron Tourism Association (HTA)**
 - March Madness at the Little Inn of Bayfield
 - The Foggy Hogtown Boys coming to the Livery in Goderich March 5th
 - Anglican Church in Exeter invites all to the Bach Music Festival March 21st
 - St. Jacobs Country Playhouse presenting ‘High School Musical’ April 21 to May 15
 - 3rd Annual South Huron Home & Lifestyle Show May 1st & 2nd at Rec Centre in Exeter
 - Women’s Lifestyle Show at London Convention Centre March 6th & 7th
 - HTA and Perth County Visitors Assoc. updating the Motorcycle Map and www.ridethecounties.ca
 - Seaforth & District Food Bank “Souper Saturday” competition March 27th
 - Santa coming to Goderich for a “Hugz for Haiti” campaign March 13th
 - HTA member Lori Carter conducting a “Crafts for Cancer” drive collecting craft items for donation To Children’s Hospital London. Drop off donations at CKNX Radio, Wingham.
 - Drawing Workshop with Ron Walker at Elizabeth’s Art Gallery March 27th
 - First meeting of the Directors’ Circle at the Livery in Goderich March 13th

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #085/10

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Henhoeffter

THAT Howick Township Council now adjourns the March 16th, 2010 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council at 8:51 pm, with Council to meet again at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 6th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

REEVE

CLERK