

TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 2nd, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT THE HOWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Attendance:

Council Members

Max Demaray, Reeve	Andrea Yungblut, Deputy Reeve
Linda Henhoeffler, 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 - 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 February 16th, 2010 was circulated in the Council package.

MOTION #058/10	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Versteeg	
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 16th, 2010, as circulated.			CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) Seminar for Municipalities

The Deputy Treasurer and I would like to attend this seminar being held in South Huron on March 23rd from 9-11 am. The seminar is free.

MOTION #059/10	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Versteeg	
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes attendance of the Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer at the HST Seminar being held in South Huron (Exeter) on March 23 rd , 2010, and agrees to pay the costs associated with their attendance at this seminar.			CARRIED

Fleet Budget Surplus to Reserves

The surplus in our Fleet account is \$42,563.11. The PW Coordinator and I would like this transferred to Equipment Reserves for future equipment purchases.

MOTION #060/10	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Yungblut	
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Treasurer to transfer funds in the amount of \$42,563.11 from 'Fleet Account' (Operations) to 'Equipment Reserves' (Public Works-Capital).			CARRIED

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Stimulus Projects Funding

Enclosed is mainly promotional material about the "Economic Action Plan"..

Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) Projects

We received a cash advance of \$92K for the 3 ISF Projects.

Federal Gas Tax - Amending Agreement

AMO requires we sign an amending agreement going forward. Correspondence and a copy of the amending agreement are attached. I am asking Council to authorize the Reeve and Treasurer to enter into the agreement.

By-Law No. 05-2010 – To Authorize Federal Gas Tax Amending Agreement

MOTION # 061/10 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Yungblut**
THAT Howick Township Council gives first, second, and third and final reading to By-Law No. 5-2010, being a by-law to authorize entering into an Amended Agreement with AMO for the transfer of Gas Tax funding. CARRIED

Exam Results Deputy Treasurer Brenda Weishar

Brenda got a “A” Grade in her second MTAP exam. Congratulations to Brenda for her hard work studying and preparing for this exam

Wroxeter Hall Accounting

Reeve Demaray came up with an excellent idea that staff believes should be implemented. The idea is to let Wroxeter Hall do their accounting without having to send any documentation to the Township Office. At the end of the year, auditors would directly review their books. Once the auditors are satisfied with the state of the books we can input the summary information into our system. This would take effect for the 2010 year. This may cost a bit more in audit fees but it will eliminate all of the inefficiencies that presently exist.

It was clarified that the Hall Board would hire its own independent qualified Certified Accountant, who would prepare a report, which in turn would be provided to the Township Treasurer and the Auditors.

It was agreed that this concept should be presented to the Wroxeter Hall Board for their discussion and approval. Councillor Scott advised that a meeting of the Board is scheduled for next week, and he will raise the matter. As well, he noted that the floor in the upper hall is in need of repair and could cost up to \$10,000.00. The Board may request a loan for this purpose. Some discussion has occurred about forming a Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Scott also provided the Board Minutes for the Township auditors.

ADDENDA – for Information

PSAB – while Howick has completed the required capital accounting processes, many other municipalities have not, and are waiting for their Audit firms to assist them.

Wingham Area Fire Board – financial books are not yet complete.

2009 Audit – Our auditors are here this week, and so far have encountered no problems. Anticipate they will be finished in 4 days.

Accounts Payable

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

MOTION #062/10 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Henhoeffter**
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes payment of accounts in the amount of **\$77,905.31** under date March 2nd, 2010 as cheques #9006 to #9039 inclusive, as presented and discussed at the Regular Council meeting held March 2nd, 2010. CARRIED

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

The following report was circulated in the Council package:

Incident Report

Feb. 16th Fire Call at 18:23 hrs – call cancelled en route. Smoke from barbeque activated smoke alarm at Hyndman Transport.

Feb. 24th Fire Call at 5:06 hrs – dispatched to 44719 Howick-Turnberry Rd. barn fire. Barn and contents total loss (pigs, wagons, elevator, cultivator, etc). Fire Dept. spent 5 hrs until back in service.

ADDENDUM - Feb. 27th Fire Call to a truck fire in Fordwich.

Fire Department News

Will give a short report on activities of department to Marion Feldskov for publication in the “What’s Happening in Howick” newsletter.

Updating Pre-Plans

Have contacted Jones Feed Mill, Howick Central School, Howick Community Centre, and pre-plans are in process of being updated. These plans, when finished, will be revised on a yearly basis. As well, any new business with risk factors will be added.

Chief Doig added that he will also be doing pre-plans for Belmore Community Centre, Centra Doors, Belle Haven Apartments, and will be conducting fire drills at the school.

SCBA Air Cylinders and Firefighter Equipment

Cylinders were delivered on Feb. 19th. After some discussion with the supplier, the quoted price of \$422.30 each was reduced to \$407.40 each.

Helmets and helmet fronts have been ordered. They are to be here in about 2 weeks.

Thermal Imaging Camera

As of this report, the camera has not been delivered, and my recommendation is that we cancel this purchase and order a different camera at about the same price. I have communicated numerous times with the supplier, and they tell me it will be “next week”, but next week turns into another week.

He explained that the camera is a “special” order – it is not something the supplier keeps in stock. All agreed that if the order is not received within the next week, it will be cancelled.

Fire Services Agreements

Have not received any form of Agreement from Huron East in regards to Mutual Aid in Morris-Turnberry between Howick, North Huron and Huron East.

Clerk Johnson advised that Huron East sent a draft of the Agreement, which states that each of the three municipalities will provide mutual assistance to one another without charge if needed while responding to a call in Morris-Turnberry. The Agreement has been sent to North Huron Council for adoption, and will then come to Howick.

Service Recognition

I would like further discussion about recognizing years of service for the firefighters.

The Township *‘Employment Policy’* states that for 15 years of service, a gift of \$150.00 in the form of a voucher from a local business is given. In the past, a gift was purchased for firefighters in the form of a clock with a small plaque indicating the name and years of service. Also, the fire department, in conjunction with the Fire Marshal’s Office, award certificates and medals to the firefighters. This procedure with the Fire Marshal’s Office is the responsibility of the Fire Chief, and I think the years-of-service gift from the Township should also be the Chief’s responsibility.

Clerk Johnson advised that the *Employment Policy* is currently under review, one reason being to need to incorporate changes resulting from the addition of the fire department. The Clerk and Chief Doig will confer to determine how to integrate provisions for the fire department.

ADDENDUM

Rescue Truck

Reeve Demaray asked if Chief Doig had received any further information about a used rescue truck available for sale in Pittsburgh. He advised that the original asking price has been reduced, but based on comparison with other similar vehicles Chief Doig feels the price is still too high. Reeve Demaray wondered if it would be worthwhile to make a trip to Pittsburgh to see the truck.

This prompted discussion concerning the type of vehicle required, and the necessity to purchase now, versus deferring to allow time to build capital reserves.

Chief Doig advised that, in order to effectively provide required services, the fire department should be acquiring hydraulic extrication equipment as soon as possible (at present they have only old manual equipment). The problem is there is no space in the tanker or pumper to transport such rescue equipment to an emergency site. Many fire departments now, when replacing a tanker truck, buy a unit that has compartments built in for carrying rescue equipment.

Chief Doig thanked Council, and left the meeting at this time (8:00 pm).

The following points were raised during further discussion:

- Such a purchase was not included in the 2010 budget
- Council and Fire Chief need to determine future direction of fire department services (ie. adding first response service), which would influence the type of vehicle needed.
- Fire Chief needs to provide a schedule of capital equipment requirements for budget planning.
- Treasurer Farinha will further review the budget process and capital forecasting with Chief Doig.
- Township needs more time to build reserve funds for fire department.

- Chief Doig will be asked to get more information about rescue vehicles, and provide a report to Council.
- It was agreed that a trip to Pittsburgh to see the truck is not necessary - with today's technology it should be easy for the vendor to provide visual access and specifications electronically. It will then be further discussed.

RECREATION/FACILITIES SUPERVISOR'S REPORT – no report

PUBLIC WORKS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The following report as at February 26th and supporting documentation were circulated in the Council package:

ROADS

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

A copy of Ontario Regulation 23/2010 amending the MMS is enclosed. The major changes are marked with an asterisk. A discussion should take place on these changes. There was an information session at the OGRA/ROMA Conference but the room was not large enough to accommodate everyone. OGRA are going to post the information provided at that session on their website. They will also hold training webinars.

PWC Wilson reviewed the Regulation, pointing out changes, and new provisions that have been added, including requirements for annual inspection of sidewalks. Council agreed that carrying out the inspections will be the responsibility of the Public Works Department, with the resulting reports being directed to Council and to the Village Management Committees for action.

PWC Wilson will forward information about the new regulations to the Village Management Committees.

MAINTENANCE GRAVEL TENDER

I plan on calling for tenders for gravel early next week in order to have the closing on March 16th. The Tender will be for 32,000 tonnes to be applied on the north side of Harriston Road.

PAVING TENDER

A tender will be advertised for hot mix asphalt within the next couple of weeks. I would like to have this tender close early in order to avoid an increase in costs associated with the new HST.

BUILDING

SWIMMING POOL FENCE BY-LAW

At a recent meeting of Building Officials, I questioned several neighbouring municipalities on the by-laws. Most did not adopt the Draft Model By-law for the same reasons Howick Council chose not to. After I have a chance to review some of their by-laws, I will bring a draft back to Council for consideration.

DRAINAGE - NO REPORT

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - NO REPORT

LANDFILL - NO REPORT

OTHER - NO REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE (Information only) - none

CLERKS REPORT

The following report as at February 26th and supporting documentation were provided at the Council meeting:

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2010

1. **Nominations Update** – to date, no further Nomination Forms have been filed.

2. Vote by Mail – Electronic Support Services

DataFix has provided a Memorandum of Understanding outlining a description of services they will provide through their Municipal VoterView system for the 2010 municipal election. The total annual fee for service of \$5,440.00 is an increase of \$50.00 over the 2006 fee (\$5390.). We contracted with DataFix to provide ongoing Voter List Management services since the last election, at a cost of \$575.00 per year. That cost (\$2300.) is deducted from the total 2010 contract, and the balance payable for 2010 will be \$3,140.00, billed in 2 installments.

A resolution is required to authorize the Clerk to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

MOTION #063/10

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes entering into an Agreement with Comprint Systems Inc. (carrying on business as DataFix) for the provision of Municipal VoterView services for the year 2010 municipal election,
AND THAT the Clerk is hereby authorized to sign, on behalf of the Corporation, the Memorandum of Understanding specifying the terms and conditions of the Agreement. CARRIED

ACCESSIBILITY 'CUSTOMER SERVICE' TRAINING

Certificates were received recently for some of those who attended the training sessions. Some of the Howick certificates were sent to North Huron by mistake, and a few were missed. A list of those missing has been sent to the County Accessibility Co-ordinator, and she will have the certificates ready for pick up at the AODA Working Group meeting next week. Clerk Johnson added that both Howick and North Huron received invoices today from the County of Huron charging for services for presenting the training. No rationale was provided for how the amounts were determined. She will attempt to get that information.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

1. Emergency Disaster Services Training (information attached)

The Salvation Army, Emergency Disaster Services section, is offering 2 free training sessions in Goderich. The first one, on May 1st, is an introduction to Salvation Army Disaster Services, and the second session, on Oct. 30th will focus on Safe Food Handling and Delivery. These courses will provide information for persons and/or groups wishing to volunteer to do relief work with the Salvation Army during a disaster.

It would be beneficial for the CEMC and Alternate CEMC to attend the training.

MOTION #064/10

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes attendance of Clerk Johnson and Fire Chief Doig at the Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services Training being held in Goderich on May 1st, 2010, and agrees to pay the costs associated with their attendance at this training. CARRIED

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE AND HARASSMENT LEGISLATION

So far, there is very little in the way of resources to guide us in fulfilling the requirements under *Bill 168, Amendment to Occupational Health and Safety Act re Violence and Harassment in the Workplace* (see attached information from Ministry of Labour).

According to the legislation, "*An employer shall assess the risks of workplace violence that may arise from the nature of the workplace, the type of work or the conditions of work*"; "*...shall prepare policies with respect to workplace violence and harassment*"; and "*...shall develop and maintain a program to implement the policy*"

As a start, I have circulated the attached '*Workplace Violence Hazard Assessment Form*' to all Department Heads requesting input to help identify the risks. I will discuss these issues at the next meeting of the Health and Safety Committee.

REVISION OF 'EMPLOYMENT POLICY'

With the addition of the Fire Department, as well as other changes approved by Council, our Employment Policy needs to be updated. Copies of the Policy have been distributed to all full-time and regular part-time employees with a request to review the information and submit any suggestions for changes or corrections. Copies have been provided (separate package) for all Council members as well, with the same request for input.

While the Policy currently includes '*Dispute Resolution*' and '*Complaint*' procedures (section C-3) this section may be expanded to add provisions dealing with the above 'Workplace Violence and Harassment' requirements.

HOWICK TOWNSHIP SIGNS

Does Council wish to take any further action regarding the information (provided at last Council meeting) from Huron County Public Works Director Dave Laurie regarding "Welcome to Howick Township" signs?

Council agreed that we will erect "Howick Township" signs on County Road 87 at the entrances to the Township, and instructed the Clerk to check with neighbouring municipalities to find out where they obtained their signs.

DONATION TO HOWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Attached are photos of the portable "Ticket Taker" stand constructed by Jason Roy and donated by Fred and Jason to the Howick Community Centre. Mr. Skillen has asked that a formal acknowledgement and thank you be sent from Howick Council.

Council concurred that the Roy's should receive recognition for their generous donation, and Reeve Demaray volunteered to look after it.

ADDENDUM

Huron County Municipal Officers Association – request for Annual Membership Fee; Agenda for and invitation to Annual Meeting.

MOTION # 065/10 **Moved by Versteeg** **Seconded by Yungblut**
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes payment of the Annual Membership fee of \$50.00 to the Huron County Municipal Officers' Association,
AND THAT Howick Township Council authorizes attendance of the following at the Huron County Municipal Officers' Association Annual Meeting being held in Goderich on April 16th, and agrees to pay the registration fee of \$25.00 for each and any other costs associated with their attendance at this event: Reeve Demaray; Deputy Reeve Yungblut; Councillors Scott, Henhoeffler & Versteeg; Treasurer Farinha; Clerk Johnson. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION

1. **Ministry of Citizenship & Immigration** – now accepting nominations for the 'Newcomer Champion Awards' to recognize persons or groups who promote cultural diversity. Deadline for nominations is March 15th. Noted. Action: File
2. **Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario** – seeking nominations for the 'Order of Ontario' honouring persons whose contributions have had an impact on the local community, the province, or the country. Deadline for nominations is March 16th. Noted. Action: File

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS

1. **Gravenhurst, Town of** – petitioning the Premier of Ontario to amend the *Ombudsman Act* to include hospitals under the Ombudsman's jurisdiction.

MOTION #066/10 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Versteeg**
THAT Howick Township Council received and discussed at this meeting the resolution from the Town of Gravenhurst petitioning the Premier of Ontario to amend the *Ombudsman Act* to include hospitals under the Ombudsman's jurisdiction, and Howick Council hereby supports the resolution from the Town of Gravenhurst. CARRIED

2. **Madawaska Valley, Township of** – urging the Province to address the following concerns:
 - i. Provide adequate financial assistance to service the Respite Care needs of local communities;
 - ii. Recognize the burden that the aging population will place on family caregivers;
 - iii. Provide financial assistance to caregivers to obtain Personal Support Services;
 - iv. Provide Personal Support Workers a minimum of 4 hours per client to ensure quality care.

MOTION #067/10 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Yungblut**
THAT Howick Township Council received and discussed at this meeting the resolution from the Township of Madawaska Valley urging the Province to address the following concerns:

- I. Provide adequate financial assistance to service the Respite Care needs of local communities;
- II. Recognize the burden that the aging population will place on family caregivers;
- III. Provide financial assistance to caregivers to obtain Personal Support Services;
- IV. Provide Personal Support Workers a minimum of 4 hours per client to ensure quality care,

and Howick Council hereby supports the resolution from the Township of Madawaska Valley. CARRIED

3. **Prince Edward County** – requesting the Ministry of Natural Resources to consider a province-wide Coyote/Wolf Control Program, and to provide funding for same.

MOTION #068/10 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Yungblut**
THAT Howick Township Council received and discussed at this meeting the resolution from Prince Edward County requesting the Ministry of Natural Resources to consider a Province– wide Coyote/Wolf Control Program and to provide funding for same, and Howick Council hereby supports the resolution from Prince Edward County. CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

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

Clerk Johnson advised that no By-Law Enforcement Officer's Report was received. Therefore, if no one has other matters for Closed Session, consideration of the Feb. 16th Closed Session Minutes may be deferred until next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Belmore Community Centre Board - next meeting March 15th

Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP) - next meeting March 10th

Responding to a question, Councillor Henhoeffler noted that CHIP does not provide training for snowmobilers.

County of Huron

Reeve Demaray reported:

- The outsource contract for snow plowing terminates this year, and the County will have its own equipment operating from the Wroxeter garage next year.
- The last Library Board meeting, attended by 13 members (7 County, 6 public), lasted for 17 minutes.
- The County Budget will be finally adopted at tomorrow's Council meeting.

Huron Bruce Transit

Councillor Scott reported that the meeting scheduled for March 3rd has been postponed due to lack of quorum, and rescheduled for March 8th

Huron County Farm and Home Safety - no report

Maitland Economic Development Committee

Reeve Demaray reported that the "Huron Staycation" posters and cards have been circulated, and the website is up and running.

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)

Copies of the following were circulated in the Council package:

- Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting #1/10 Jan. 27th, 2010
- Report of Director's attendance
- Request to appoint Director to Source Protection Authority

Councillor Versteeg thanked Reeve Demaray for attending MVCA Annual Meeting, and advised that the Board met prior to the Annual Meeting and unanimously adopted the 2010 Budget. Wilf Gamble is the new Chair, and Deb Shewfelt is Vice Chair.

MOTION #069/10

Moved by Henhoeffler

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council hereby appoints Councillor Art Versteeg to represent Howick Township on the Maitland Source Protection Authority Board for the year 2010.

CARRIED

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) - no report

MVCA Source Water Protection (SWP) - no report

SVCA Source Water Protection

ADDENDUM – Minutes of Committee Meeting #23 February 12, 2010

CLOSED SESSION - Not required

COUNCILLORS ISSUES

Farmers Market in Howick

Councillor Henhoeffler announced the good news that the Howick Agricultural Society has received approval for a grant of \$2,000. from Huron Economic Development Matters for development of a Farmers Market in Howick Township. The grant will assist with costs such as developing a business plan, advertising, marketing, vendor recruitment, etc.

CORRESPONDENCE (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) (copies attached)

- a) **Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**
- Report to Members on January 2010 Board Meeting
- b) **Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing** – seeking nominations for Long-Standing Service Awards for elected officials who have served for 25 years or more.
- c) **Land Use Council** – information re. Peel Federation of Agriculture concerns about expansion of Conservation Authority roles, functions and authority into land planning and Ministry of

Environment water quality/quantity matters, and request that Regional Council investigate.
Land Use Council urges support for a public review of Conservation Authorities in Ontario.

- d) **Keith Stelling** – updates re. Wind Turbine Health Concerns (Report “*Summary of Recent Research on Adverse Health Effects of Wind Turbines*” is available – copy not included)

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #070/10

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Henhoeffler

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CARRIED

REEVE

CLERK