

TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 4th, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT THE HOWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Attendance:

Council Members

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

Staff

Ronna Lee Johnson, Clerk	Mark Farinha, Treasurer
Wray Wilson, Public Works Co-ordinator	

Delegation

Gorrie Hall Board – Shelley Miller-Cameron; Mary King; Tammy Thompson

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 April 20th, 2010 was circulated in the Council package.

MOTION #119/10

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 20th, 2010, as circulated.

CARRIED

DELEGATION

A copy of the letter request from the Gorrie Hall Board was circulated in the Council package.

Gorrie Hall Board

Three members of the Hall Board were in attendance to discuss much needed repairs, and the future viability of the facility. Reeve Demaray invited the Board members to the Council table to present their issues.

Shelley Miller-Cameron spoke on behalf of the Board, introducing the Board members present, and thanking Council for the opportunity to address Council.

Ms. Miller-Cameron presented a brief history of the current Board and outlined a few of their achievements and projects undertaken at the Hall since their formation two years ago. She advised that, although the community has been “tremendously supportive”, income sources are limited and the building is in need of furnace and roof repair/replacement immediately.

They are seeking a used furnace to mitigate cost, and estimates on the roof place that cost in the \$5,000. to \$8,000. range.

Ms. Miller-Cameron voiced the concerns of the members that they do not have the expertise, and feel it is not fair to expect these volunteers to make decisions about the maintenance and upkeep of the facility without municipal direction. As well, the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* will impose obligations that may jeopardize future viability of the facility. The Hall is municipally-owned, and it is the Township’s responsibility to make decisions on its future. The Board asks that, if the fate of the Hall has already been determined, they should be so advised, in order to plan accordingly. It is not feasible to continue to expend time, effort and money if the plan is to close it.

The Board respectfully requested Council’s timely direction and response, and support to carry out the capital projects needing immediate attention.

Responding to questions about the roof and furnace repairs, Ms. Miller-Cameron reiterated that they do not feel qualified to make such decisions and are seeking Council's advice. The furnace is still functioning for now, but must be replaced soon, as it is old and parts are difficult to find. They would like some direction as to the best course of action - "cheapest is not always best".

The steel for the roof has already been purchased, and they have sufficient funds to cover that cost, but will need financial assistance to pay for the installation.

The Board has been active with fundraising initiatives, but budget projections for the year show a shortfall. Some of the regular rentals have been lost, and increasing the rental fees is seen as counter-productive. The community has been very supportive, and residents indicate that they want the facility to continue to operate.

Reeve Demaray requested comments from Council.

Councillor Scott felt the community halls should be retained, and supported and subsidized by the Township if necessary. Asked what will happen in future regarding accessibility requirements, he noted that government grants could assist. Ms. Miller-Cameron responded that the Board has neither the expertise, nor the people or time to deal with grant applications. The Board held a community meeting to try to generate interest and participation, but it was poorly attended and unproductive.

Councillor Henhoeffler felt it important that the Gorrie Hall be retained as a building of cultural and historic interest, as it was once a Court House. There are a few antique pieces from that era still at the hall that should be restored. She suggested that the Board might find information, assistance and grant funding through Cultural Services at Huron County Planning and Development Department, and provided contact names and numbers for that purpose.

Councillor Versteeg noted that the Township put money into the hall at the Howick Community Centre [to improve and make it accessible], and it is not being fully utilized. There are three community halls in the Township, and he felt that, if it is the desire of the local residents to retain their village hall, it would seem appropriate that it be done through their efforts.

Deputy Reeve Yungblut advised 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 future.

To the purpose of their visit to Council, Ms. Miller-Cameron was asked if the Board was seeking a loan, and in what amount. She advised that they are looking for assurance that financing will be available to them to proceed with the necessary repairs. It was suggested that if they could give an estimate of the amount needed, Council could pass a resolution authorizing a loan, which would allow the Treasurer to process payment if and when it may be needed.

Ms. Miller-Cameron asked Council to consider forming a Joint Committee that would oversee and co-ordinate the efforts of the various local Boards. The Township also needs to provide more youth-oriented activities.

Reeve Demaray thanked the Board members for bringing the information to Council, and advised that the Treasurer will notify the Board of Council's decision in the near future. The Board members thanked Council, and left the meeting at this time (7:35 pm).

NB – See last item in Clerk's Report for Council decision.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Howick Service Fee for WSIB Cancellation re Wingham Fire Board

North Huron sent us a cheque representing their proportional share of the cost of getting this \$21K fee cancelled. Morris-Turnberry has refused to pay their share.

Accounts Payable

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

MOTION #120/10	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Versteeg
THAT Howick Township Council authorizes payment of accounts in the amount of \$122,680.06 under date May 4, 2010 as cheques #9192 to #9238 inclusive, as presented and discussed at the Regular Council meeting held May 4 th , 2010.		
		CARRIED

RECREATION/FACILITIES SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - no report

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT - no report

Chief Doig and Deputy Chief Edgar are attending the Ontario Fire Chiefs Assoc. conference.

PUBLIC WORKS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The following report as at April 30th and supporting documentation were circulated in the Council package:

ROADS

PUBLIC WORKS STAFF OPERATIONS

- Roadside garbage pickup
- Grading as weather permits
- Retrieving completed
- Plow equipment is painted
- North Perth are sweeping streets
- Doug & Dean at Road School May 3 - 5

MAINTENANCE GRAVEL

Joe Kerr Ltd. will begin hauling gravel the week of May 10th.

HURON/WELLINGTON TRUCK ROADEO

This event was held in Fergus on April 21st. 61 drivers participated. Doug placed first for Huron County and is to represent Huron County in the Provincial final in September. Names of all drivers and their scores are attached.

BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE DATA

OGRA and MTO have entered into an agreement to provide provincial funding to municipalities to assist with collecting data on the extent and condition of bridges. Information on this process is enclosed as well as an email from B.M. Ross. Is this something Council would like us to explore? The municipality could apply for 50% of their costs, to a maximum of \$5,000.00. Since Howick has already completed their bridge reports [required for PSAB Capital Assets accounting], there does not appear to be any immediate benefit to the Township.

ELECTRICAL CABLE ON TOLL GATE LINE

Pat Ash has asked the Township to allow him to bury a cable in the roadside to provide power to his property. Background information is attached. I have discussed this issue with Ross Davies and he will prepare an agreement. The agreement cannot be registered on title without a Reference Plan (RP). We don't have RPs for other private cables, drains, etc. so I don't see this as being any different. I would recommend that we allow Mr. Ash to install this cable provided all conditions, such as cleanup, future maintenance are met. The conditions would be stipulated in the Agreement, which will be attached to the property file for future reference.

MOTION #121/10	Moved by Versteeg	Seconded by Henhoeffter
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Public Works Co-ordinator to enter into an Agreement with the owners of the South Part Lot 16, Conc. 8, at 89024 Toll Gate Line allowing the installation and future maintenance of hydro cable in the ditch along the east side of Toll Gate Line, all said work to be done under supervision of the Public Works Co-ordinator.		
		CARRIED

BUILDING

BUILDING PERMITS

The Deputy Treasurer prepared the attached Report on building construction activity to date:

<u>Permits Issued</u>	<u>Value of Construction</u>	<u>Fees Collected</u>
18 Building Permits	\$1,498,000.00	\$4,349.19
5 Septic System Permits	\$ 55,000.00	\$1,500.00

ONTARIO BUILDING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION - 54TH Annual Meeting & Training Sessions

Our Chapter and the Simcoe Chapter are hosts for the 2010 Conference. Last fall an invitation for sponsorship was discussed at a Council meeting. Council recommended deferring a decision until budget deliberations. A donation of \$500.00 was included in the 2010 budget and I would recommend the \$500.00 go towards the Technical Session Presentations.

MOTION #122/10	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Versteeg
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the donation of \$500.00 to be directed to the Technical Session Presentations at the 2010 Annual Meeting and Training Sessions of the Ontario Building Officials Association.		
		CARRIED

DRAINAGE

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, 2007 – Municipal Agreements

The Drainage Superintendents Association Board of Directors held a conference call with representatives from MNR on April 29th to discuss items of concern. I believe that MNR now have a better understanding of the issues and will make some alterations in the agreements. The big issue now is time or lack of it! These agreements have to be signed by the Minister before the end of June.

A 'draft' copy of our agreement with MNR is enclosed for your review. Please note that following our meeting with MNR, Article 8, Clause 8.2 will be deleted. The Agreement has been sent to the Species at Risk Branch of MNR in Peterborough and may be back to us in time for the May 18th Council meeting.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

ADDENDA

APPLICATIONS FOR DEEMING

Lots 57 & 58, Plan 318, Village of Wroxeter (Fozard)

The owners of the lots have requested that the lots be deemed. A copy of the report from Huron County Planner Denise Carnochan was provided, recommending approval of the application. A by-law has been prepared for this purpose (see Clerk's Report - By-Law No. 13-2010).

Lots 8 & 9, Plan 316, Village of Wroxeter (Heffer)

The owner of the lots has requested that the lots be deemed. A copy of the report from Huron County Planner Denise Carnochan was provided, recommending approval of the application. A by-law has been prepared for this purpose (see Clerk's Report - By-Law No. 14-2010).

LANDFILL

WASTE DIVERSION ONTARIO – Waste Recycling Strategy

This issue was discussed at the last meeting. I have registered for a Webinar on June 16th.

OTHER

WROXETER DAM IMPROVEMENT

Andrew Ross has prepared the final construction drawings and a revised cost estimate. He is recommending tendering 2 different options. One option is a clay liner, the other option is Geo-synthetic clay. Does Council wish to proceed with this project and if so how will it be paid for?

Mr. Wilson added that the two options were necessary to allow for the availability (or lack) of clay material. An additional \$2,000.-\$3,000. would cover the costs of permits, advertising, etc. The only permit required is from Maitland Valley Conservation Authority.

Council determined that it would be prudent to advertise the call for tenders, with responses to be returned by June 1st, and agreed with Mr. Wilson's recommendation that the ad be placed in the Daily Commercial News.

MOTION #123/10	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Versteeg
THAT Howick Township Council hereby directs the Public Works Co-ordinator to proceed to call tenders for the two options, as described by the engineer, for the Wroxeter riverbank repair project.		
CARRIED		

Concerning payment for the project, Council directed that members of the Wroxeter Village Management be invited to attend the next meeting of Council (May 18th) to discuss apportionment of costs and terms of repayment.

CLERKS REPORT

The following report as at April 30th and supporting documentation were circulated in the Council package:

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2010

Nominations Update – No further nominations have been filed to date.

Compliance Audit Committee – All municipal Councils must appoint a Compliance Audit Committee before October 1st in the election year. This Committee receives and reviews requests for a financial audit of a candidate from an elector who believes the candidate has contravened the *Municipal Elections Act* with respect to campaign finances (see information attached)

At the last Huron County Clerks and Treasurers meeting it was suggested that Huron municipalities co-operate in appointing a mutual Compliance Audit Committee. To that end, an ad-hoc committee of Municipal Clerks and the County Clerk is being formed to discuss the feasibility of a common Compliance Audit Committee.

The first meeting of the Huron Ad Hoc Committee has been called for Wed., May 5th in Goderich. I respectfully request Council's authorization to participate on the ad hoc committee and attend the required meetings.

MOTION #124/10

Moved by Henhoeffter

Seconded by Versteeg

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes Clerk Johnson to participate in the Huron County Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of exploring the formation of a common 'Compliance Audit Committee' for Huron County Municipalities, and agrees to pay the costs associated with her attendance at required committee meetings.

CARRIED

EMPLOYMENT POLICY REVIEW

1. **Sec. D-2.6: Inclement Weather**

To verify that firefighters are permitted to drive on closed roads, I found Section 134(2), (3), (4) of the *Highway Traffic Act* that deals with prohibiting vehicles from driving on closed roads, and providing exemption for "the driver of a road service vehicle, an ambulance, a fire department vehicle, a public utility vehicle or a police vehicle". Section 134(4) permits "a firefighter driving a motor vehicle other than a [fire department vehicle] while performing his/her duties." The Act appears ambiguous in that there is no provision to allow operators to get to their "road service vehicles". I have contacted the OPP to find out how they enforce the Act with respect to such situations. At the time of this report I have not received a response.

ADDENDUM

Response from OPP

Huron OPP Detachment Commander Johnson acknowledged that the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) speaks to some of these issues, but not all, and that they try to exercise good judgment and common sense in such situations. They understand that operators need to get to their road service vehicles.

It was agreed that the Employment Policy will be amended to reflect the provisions of the Highway Traffic Act.

2. **Donations and Gifts**

While going through the Employment Policy to incorporate the approved amendments, I noticed that under Section D-3.8 'Donations and Gifts', revisions were made to the value of gifts presented for 'Recognition of Service' and 'Retirements', but no adjustments were made to the last segment dealing with presentation of a gift to an employee who submits his/her 'Resignation' from the Township. Please review the enclosed excerpt and advise if you feel this section should also be revised.

No changes are recommended.

ADDENDUM

Clerk Johnson advised that Ms. Lingelbach terminated her duties with the Township last weekend, and in accordance with the Policy, will be presented a gift and card expressing our appreciation.

PROPERTY STANDARDS

The By-Law Enforcement Officer has provided a "Clean Yards" by-law (see copy enclosed) adopted this year by the Municipality of Huron East. This by-law somewhat mirrors the Property Standards By-law, but establishes set fines for specific offences. This information is presented for your review and discussion.

Council will review the details of the by-law, and the Clerk was instructed to get further information regarding the process for collection of fines. The matter will be brought to the next Council meeting for further consideration.

SUNDAY HUNTING

For the purpose of and to facilitate future reference, it would be advantageous to authorize Sunday gun hunting by by-law rather than by resolution. A draft by-law is enclosed. Does Council wish to advertise intent to pass the by-law (ie. post notice on web-site) prior to passing?

Council was in general agreement that it is neither necessary nor required to post notice in advance, since Provincial legislation already allows Sunday gun hunting.

WROXETER HALL BOARD

We have recently received a new listing of members of the Wroxeter Hall Board. A resolution is required to amend By-Law No. 11-2010 to delete retired members and add new names.

MOTION #125/10 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Henhoeffter**
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the following amendments to By-Law No. 11-2010, to effect changes to the membership of the Wroxeter Hall Board:
Delete from the List of Members: Murray McLean
Add to the List of Members: Elizabeth Allan; Phyllis Merkley; Jim Seip CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION

1. **Wroxeter Park Board** – holding a Slow Pitch Tournament May 28th – 30th. Requesting Council designate the event as a “Community Festival”.

MOTION #126/10 **Moved by Henhoeffter** **Seconded by Versteeg**
THAT Howick Township Council has received notification that the Wroxeter Park Board will host a Men’s Slow Pitch tournament at the Wroxeter Ball Park on May 28th, 29th, 30th, 2010, and Council hereby declares this event to be a “Community Festival”. CARRIED

2. **Howick Lions Club** – advising of the locations of Voluntary Road Toll events to be held in Howick this year. As the events will be held on Huron County Roads, we are awaiting receipt of approval from the Huron County Director of Public Works.

3. **Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA)** – invitation to attend the Launch Party of the SVCA “Children’s Safety Village” at SVCA Headquarters, RR Hanover, on June 15th. RSVP is requested by May 21st.

ADDENDUM

4. **Fordwich Park Board** - Hosting Slow Pitch tournament – request to deem event as a Community Festival.

MOTION #127/10 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Yungblut**
THAT Howick Township Council has received notification that the Fordwich Park Board will host a Co-ed Slow Pitch tournament at the Fordwich Ball Park on June 18th, 19th, 20th, 2010, and Council hereby declares this event to be a “Community Festival”. CARRIED

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS

Ottawa, City – requesting the Province to establish a task force that will examine and provide recommendations on:

- a) The question of fair ratio of municipal property tax on rental property to property tax on owner-occupied property, and whether it should differ based on different circum-stances of each municipality;
- b) How the fair ratio of municipal property tax should be achieved. Noted. Action: File

BY-LAWS

1. **By-Law No. 12-2010 - To Permit Sunday Hunting**

MOTION #128/10 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Yungblut**
THAT Howick Township Council gives first, second, and third and final reading to By-Law No. 12-2010, being a by-law to authorize and permit Sunday gun hunting in Howick Township. CARRIED

ADDENDA

2. **By-Law No. 13-2010 – To Deem Lots (Lots 57 & 58, Plan 318, Wroxeter)**

MOTION #129/10 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Versteeg**
THAT Howick Township Council gives first, second, and third and final reading to By-Law No. 13-2010, being a by-law to deem a subject property, described as Lot 57 and Lot 58, Plan 318, north side McLaughlin Street, Village of Wroxeter, not to be lots in a registered plan of subdivision. CARRIED

3. By-Law No. 14-2010 – To Deem Lots (Lots 8 & 9, Plan 316, Wroxeter)

MOTION #130/10

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Henhoeffter

THAT Howick Township Council gives first, second, and third and final reading to By-Law No. 14-2010, being a by-law to deem a subject property, described as Lot 8 and Lot 9, Plan 316, east side Marietta Street, Village of Wroxeter, not to be lots in a registered plan of subdivision.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- Minutes of the closed session held April 20th, 2010
- Treasurer's Report – personnel items
- By-Law Enforcement Officer's report

GORRIE HALL BOARD

MOTION #131/10

Moved by Henhoeffter

Seconded by Scott

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes an interest-free loan of up to \$5,000.00 to the Gorrie Hall Board to assist with capital repairs, said loan to be repaid over a five-year period.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Belmore Community Centre Board - no report

Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP) - next meeting May 12th

County of Huron - next meeting May 5th

Reeve Demaray reported:

- The April meeting of the Huron County Library Board was 22 minutes duration. It is very costly to pay remuneration and mileage to the 13-member Board. Changes may be considered.
- To date, the PRISM 911 system has input data for about 10,000 residents in Huron County, and estimate that approximately 70% of that information is confirmed as correct.

Huron Bruce Transit

Notification of a meeting of the Board scheduled for May 6th was included in the Council package. The following information was provided as addenda at the Council meeting:

- Agenda for May 6th meeting at Morris-Turnberry Office
- Report dated May 3rd re. discussion with Peter Coghill of MTO
- Financials: - 'Worksheet on Comparison for Mobility Transit Options'
- 'Costs to Operate Huron Bruce Transit at Morris-Turnberry'
- 'Wheels Away' Operating Costs 2004 – 2009
- Minutes of February 18th meeting
- Provincial announcement re. Gas Tax funds of \$316 million for 2009-10

Councillor Scott advised that the Board will meet on May 6th to discuss options for the transit system – to have Morris-Turnberry operate; to join with Saugeen Mobility; to close down. The Ministry of Transportation representative is recommending that the system not be shut down at this time.

Huron County Farm and Home Safety - next meeting May 13th

Maitland Economic Development Committee

Reeve Demaray and Councillor Scott reported:

- The Huron Staycation web site had 336 hits in 3 weeks, with time per visit averaging 2.4 minutes, and 58.63% were new visits.
- Ms. Goodall provided information about the cost to produce the North Huron promotional information map, noting the costs were mitigated by the sale of advertising.
- A Stratford Sport store that is promoting bicycle tours will tie the information into the Huron Staycation web site.
- Ongoing promotions include draws (ie. tickets for Belmore Syrup Festival; Howick Firemen's Breakfast; Brussels Elimination Draw)

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)

The following items were circulated in the Council package:

- Minutes of Board Meeting #3/10 Mar.17th;
- Minutes of Source Protection Meeting #2/10 Mar.17th

Councillor Versteeg reported from the last Board meeting:

- Mr. Larry Brown, Chair of the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Water Protection Committee, spoke about 'well clusters' (in villages) that are not presently being studied, and which may be the cause of water problems due to a variety of reasons (ie. faulty casings, well too close to septic system, etc). He recommends that all such areas should be participating in the mandatory septic inspection program.
- Steve Jackson provided a presentation about rain gauges and river gauges, which have now been updated and computerized to automatically collect, collate and report data, and provide automatic notification of approaching flood levels.
- Nathan Garland advised that while the Provincial target is a 21-day time frame for responding to applications, MVCA will provide a much shorter turn around time.
- The Agreement with Department of Fisheries and Oceans has been renewed and Conservation Authorities will continue to provide fish habitat assessments on behalf of DFO, without compensation. MVCA provides this service as DFO does not have the staff to cover local municipalities.
- It has been decided that the Falls Reserve septic system repair will be deferred until next year, allowing time to determine cost-recovery. In the interim, the tank will be pumped regularly.
- General Manager Phil Beard will be coming to a Council meeting in the near future with an update on MVCA activities and projects.

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) - no report

MVCA Source Water Protection (SWP) - no report

SVCA Source Water Protection - no report

COUNCILLORS ISSUES - none

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION #132/10	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Henhoeffler
THAT Howick Township Council at this time (9:13 pm) closes this portion of the May 4th, 2010 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council in accordance with the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 (2) (b),(d), (e)</i> , to deal with personal, personnel and potential legal matters.		
		CARRIED

Matters dealt with in closed session:

- Minutes of Closed Session held April 20th, 2010. (Approved by **Motion #133/10**)
- Treasurer's Report – personnel matters
- By-Law Enforcement Officer's Report

MOTION #134/10	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Yungblut
THAT Howick Township Council now re-opens the May 4th, 2010 Regular Council meeting to the public at this time (9:49 pm).		
		CARRIED

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

- a) **Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**
- Request for Nominations to AMO Board of Directors
- b) **Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)**
- New pamphlet "Making Choices: A Guide to Service Delivery Review for Municipal Councillors and Senior Staff"
- New pamphlet "Citizens Guide to Land-Use Planning"
- Emergency Preparedness Week is May 2nd to 8th
- c) **Ontario Recreation Facilities Assoc** – June is Recreation and Parks Month promotional material
- d) **Play Works Ontario Partnership for Active Youth** – brochure from the 2009 'Youth Friendly Community Recognition Ceremony' where 11 communities were awarded for their investments in youth play.
- e) **Town of Tecumseh Mayor McNamara** – announcing candidacy for AMO President
- f) **Jim Rutledge** – Men of Huron Committee poster re. Veterans celebration in Goderich May 8 -9

CORRESPONDENCE forwarded via E-Mail (April 19 - 30, 2010) (No copies attached)

- a) **Association of Municipalities of Ontario**
- AMO Watch File – April 22, 2010

- Kawartha Lakes fighting a “polluters pay/fairness” case.
- Dianne Saxe, environmental lawyer, on the Kawartha Lakes case.
- New Private Members Bill introduced that impacts municipalities.
- Apply now for a Federal Gas Tax Award!
- The Amazing Kreskin, Jeff Rubin and Dr. Rick Miner at the 2010 AMO Conference.
- Heads of Council training to be offered at AMO Conference.
- Sound bytes & headlines: May 6th Thunder Bay media training.
- 2010-2012 AMO Board - Request for Nominations.
- Career/Employment opportunity with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
- *Links to full text articles below*

- **AMO Watch File – April 29, 2010**

- New legislation and funding continues evolution of early learning and child care in Ontario.
- MNR releases new *Natural Heritage Reference Manual*.
- Province posts *Provincial Policy Statement* indicators.
- 2010 brings you a different AMO conference experience.
- Sound bytes & headlines: May 6th Thunder Bay media training.
- OMERS stakeholders hear about 2009 plan results and funding challenges.
- ACT grants: application deadline May 21, 2010.
- City of Ottawa resolution regarding multi-residential tax class.
- Bio-solids - alternative management options workshop.
- Career/Employment Opportunities for a Town Clerk and a CAO.
- *Links to full text articles below*

- **AMO Events – 2010 AMO Conference in Windsor August 15-18**

- b) **Emergency Management Ontario** – Township of North Huron to receive FedDev funding for construction of Emergency Services Training Centre at Blyth
- c) **Ontario Good Roads Association** – Thank you to volunteers who serve OGRA
- d) **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)**
 - Canada Post committed to Rural Service
 - Rights-of-Way Outreach Campaign: Municipalities should know their rights re. negotiating rights-of-way with telecommunications companies
- e) **Municipal Property Assessment Corp (MPAC)** – tentative settlement with OPSEU
- f) **Municipal Monitor** – Digital edition, May/June, 2010
- g) **Municipal World – Book Shop** – New publication “*The Local Food Revolution*”
- h) **Saugeen Source Water Protection** – reminder re. Municipal Info Days (April 28th at Hanover)
- i) **University of Toronto** – 2 Summer courses on Aging from the Institute of Life
- j) **City of Stratford** – invitation to ‘Civic Night’ at the Shakespeare Festival June 16th
- k) **Jan Hawley, Huron East Economic Development Officer** – Seaforth BIA wins Marketing & Communication Award at National Conference
- l) **MPP John Yakabuski** – opposing removal of municipal authority over wind energy projects; will table a motion calling for a moratorium on wind projects pending independent review
- m) **Mike Pobjoy** – photos of properties for sale in Melancthon Twp in area of wind turbines
- n) **Water Environment Assoc of Ontario** – invitation to ‘Alternative Management Options for Municipal Sewage Biosolids’ workshop on June 17th in Burlington
- o) **Huron Business Development Corp (HBDC)**
 - still time to register for Huron Women in Networking dinner in Holmesville April 29th
 - Better Business Seminar “Small Business Reality Check” May 6th in Clinton
 - updated listing of Better Business Spring Seminars
- p) **Huron Tourism Association (HTA)**
 - Little Inn, Bayfield ‘Books & Brunch with Catherine Gildner’ May 2nd
 - Meeting in Seaforth to explore setting up a Farmers’ Market April 22 at Huron Business Centre
 - Hugo’s Spring Blossom Trail Ride May 2nd
 - The Livery, Goderich ‘Opening Week’ April 22 – May 1 - “How High the Moon”
 - Huron Tourism Association “Holiday & Home in Huron” June 13th at Shelter Valley Campground
 - Ontario’s West Coast is now posting on Twitter, Facebook and Youtube
 - High School Art Show at Blyth Festival May 6th – May 20th

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #135/10

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Henhoeffter

THAT Howick Township Council now adjourns the May 4th, 2010 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council at 9:50 pm, with Council to meet again at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 18th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

REEVE

CLERK