

TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT THE HOWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Attendance:

Council Members

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

Staff

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

Delegations

Paul Gingrich, Supervising Technician, and Debra Feeney, Technician, Hydro One Networks
Tim Wylie and Eldon Bowman, Howick Optimist Club

Reporter - Dominik Kurek

Others - Jon Dreise; Philip Dreise;

NOTE: This meeting follows the agenda for the meeting originally scheduled for March 25th, 2008, which was postponed due to inclement weather.

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 draft of Minutes of the March 4th, 2008 Regular Council Meeting and the March 11th Special Council Meeting were circulated in the Council package.

MOTION #071/08	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Scott
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 4 th , 2008, as circulated.		
		CARRIED

MOTION #072/08	Moved by Versteeg	Seconded by Scott
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on March 11 th , 2008, as circulated.		
		CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Paul Gingrich, Hydro One Networks - Grant Presentation

Mr. Gingrich introduced both Ms. Feeney and himself, noting their respective positions with Hydro One Networks. Speaking on behalf of Hydro One, he expressed the pleasure of the organization to be able to contribute to the local community by presenting the "Power Play" grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be used to assist in replacing playground equipment at the Wroxeter Ball Park. In keeping with the sports and activity theme of the "Power Play" program, Mr. Gingrich also presented Council with hockey pucks and caps.
Reeve Demaray introduced Shannon Holland, Chair of the Wroxeter Park Board, the recipient organization, and thanked the Hydro One representatives for presenting the much appreciated funding assistance. Mr. Gingrich and Ms. Feeney left the meeting at this time.

Tim Wylie, Howick Optimist Club - Request for Rental Rate Reduction

Mr. Wylie advised that he was in attendance at the request of the Howick Optimist Club to discuss with Council rental rates charged for their use of the Howick Community Centre and to request that Council grant the Optimist Club special consideration since they often work “in partnership” with the Township to provide funding for the community.

He noted that the Club now holds meetings in the village community halls in order help out the Hall Boards, but still uses the Howick Community Centre Auditorium and kitchen for 3 dinner meetings per year. They would continue to pay normal rental rates for their major fund-raising events such as the annual Lottery/Dance, and the Recreational Hockey Tournament, but they would like a reduction of charges for use of the auditorium for the dinner meetings, and for events such as the annual Bike Rodeo, which is not a fund-raising event but a community service for which they donate their time and prizes.

Mr. Bowman added that some fund-raising efforts are found to be not worthwhile due to the collective costs for rental, insurance, etc.

Reeve Demaray thanked Mr. Wylie and Mr. Bowman for the information, and noted that Council will give further consideration to the request and advise of the decision as soon as possible.

COUNCILLOR’S ISSUES

Visitors

Councillor Versteeg introduced Howick Student Philip Dreise and his father Jon. Philip is visiting the Council meeting to observe as part of a municipal government project for his working on with his cadet group.

Maitland Valley Conservation Foundation

Councillor Versteeg submitted a request for a donation to the upcoming annual Maitland Valley Conservation Foundation dinner and auction.

MOTION #073/08	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Scott
THAT Howick Township Council authorizes the donation of 1 set of history books “The Lines of Howick” to the Maitland Valley Conservation Foundation.		
		CARRIED

“Donnelly on Law” Donation from Lavis Contracting

Reeve Demaray presented to Council and acknowledged receipt of the donation of Judge Donnelly’s book “Donnelly on Law” from Lavis Contracting. Reeve Demaray has prepared a note of thanks to send to Lavis.

Howick Hockey

Reeve Demaray reported his attendance at the Howick arena last weekend to present Township pins to the members of the Howick Midget Hockey team, who were participating in the OMHA hockey playoffs.

RECREATION/FACILITIES SUPERVISOR’S REPORT - No Report

PUBLIC WORKS CO-ORDINATOR’S REPORT

The following report as at March 20, 2008 was circulated in the Council package:

ROADS

GRAVEL TENDERS

Tenders are to close on March 25th at 4:00 p.m. and can be opened at the Council meeting that night.

Due to postponement of the March 25th meeting, the tenders were opened on March 26th by the Reeve, the Clerk and the Public Works Co-ordinator. The following tenders were received:

Contractor	Start Date	Unit Price	Total Estimated Tender
Hanna & Hamilton	May 19	\$5.94	\$210,892.00
Donegan’s Haulage	May 15	\$6.20	\$220,155.00
Joe Kerr Ltd.	ASAP	\$5.85	\$207,691.25

Mr. Wilson noted that the gravel will be taken from the Thornton pit.

MOTION #074/08**Moved by Henhoeffler****Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby accepts the tender of Joe Kerr Ltd. to supply, load, haul and place on Township roads approximately 32,000 tonnes of crushed type 'A' gravel at the tendered unit price of \$5.85 per tonne, and to supply, load, haul and deliver to the Howick Township Public Works gravel storage shed approximately 500 tonnes of crushed type 'A' gravel for stockpile at the tendered unit price of \$5.85 per tonne, for a total estimated tendered price of \$207,691.25,
 AND THAT the Reeve is hereby authorized to sign the contract documents on behalf of the Corporation.

CARRIED**GOUGH ROAD BRIDGE**

Tenders are to close on March 25th at 4:00 p.m. and can be opened at the Council meeting that night. Andrew Ross will be available to review the tenders and offer a recommendation.

Due to postponement of the March 25th meeting, the tenders were opened on March 26th by the Reeve, the Clerk and the Public Works Co-ordinator. The following tenders were received:

Contractor	Tendered Amount
Finnbilt General Contracting, Stratford	\$238,063.56
Owen King Limited, Walkerton	\$315,420.00
Jarlian Construction Inc., Milton	\$220,979.01
Premier Concrete Inc., Seaforth	\$226,394.53
W.G. Kelley Construction, Mitchell	\$227,320.27

The tender documents were forwarded to B.M.Ross and Associates, Consulting Engineers, for review, and Mr. Ross submitted his report to Council, noting that they feel it would be reasonable for the Township to accept the low tender offered by Jarlian Construction.

MOTION #075/08**Moved by Scott****Seconded by Versteeg**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby accepts the tender of Jarlian Construction Inc. of Milton Ontario for the Gough Road Bridge reconstruction project at the tendered price of \$220,979.01
 AND THAT the Reeve and the Public Works Co-Ordinator are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents on behalf of the Corporation.

CARRIED**MUD LAKE LINE**

We received the enclosed letter of opinion from Ross Davies, regarding a request to close off to the public an unused section of Mud Lake Line. Mr. Davies cautions that restricting access by placing locked gates at the ends and providing keys to the adjoining landowners would *"raise severe liability issues"*. He noted that damage being caused to adjacent properties is a trespass issue, and would have to be handled by Police. He also notes that it may be necessary for the landowners to erect fences to prevent unwanted entry, and place signs prohibiting entry.

It was Council's decision that the subject section of road will not be barricaded, and that the affected landowners be notified of this decision by providing a copy of the letter of opinion from the solicitor.

TRUCK SAFETY ROADEO

The annual Huron/Wellington County Truck Safety Roadeo is scheduled for April 16th in Fergus. Authorization is requested for the four fulltime Public Works employees to participate in this event.

MOTION #076/08**Moved by Scott****Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the four regular, full-time Public Works Employees to attend and participate in the Huron/Wellington County Truck Safety Roadeo being held in Fergus on April 16th, 2008, and agrees to pay the registration fee of \$100.00 for each as well as any other costs associated with their attendance at this event.

CARRIED**2007 CAPITAL BUDGET**

Based on some information that we (Brenda & I) found out this week, we don't believe the construction work that was completed last year in Fordwich would be eligible for funding through the Federal Gas Tax Transfer. I will provide more detail on this on Tuesday evening along with a recommendation.

Mr. Wilson reported that any project funded by the Gas Tax must have prior approval before proceeding, and it appears that such projects must be contracted to outside agencies under the auspices of a consultant who would complete the complex application required, and would be able to provide the necessary reports quantifying resulting energy savings.

Council concurred with Mr. Wilson's recommendation that the Gas Tax Funds designated in the 2007 Budget for the Fordwich construction be returned to the Gas Tax Reserve Fund, and that the Gas Tax revenues be accumulated for 2 – 3 years to be used for a larger construction project.

Mr. Wilson also explained other budget adjustments identified by the auditors that require a resolution of Council to reconcile capital expenditures and reserves.

MOTION #077/08	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Scott	
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes adjustments to the 2007 Budget and instructs the Deputy Treasurer to effect the following transactions to implement the adjustments:			
<u>Transfer FROM</u>		<u>Transfer TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Capital Reserve>Roads>Bridge Construction		Operations>Roads>Capital	\$ 38,000.00
Operations>Roads>Capital		Gas Tax Reserve Fund	\$123,000.00
AND THAT the following transaction authorized by Resolution #365/07 is hereby rescinded :			
<u>Transfer FROM</u>		<u>Transfer TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Operations>Roads>Capital		Capital Reserve>Roads>Road Construction	\$80,000.00
			CARRIED

BUILDING - NO REPORT

DRAINAGE - NO REPORT

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

PROPOSED ZONEAMENDMENT – Town of Minto

The purpose of this amendment is to change the zoning on the lands currently zoned for single family dwellings only, to allow the construction of a semi-detached or duplex dwelling. This proposal should not affect Howick Township.

Mr. Wilson will respond to the Town of Minto indicating that Council has no concerns or objections to the zoning change.

LANDFILL

ANNUAL REPORT

The annual Landfill Site Report is to be complete and submitted to MOE by March 31st. RJ Burnside is working toward this submission date.

Mr. Wilson reported at this meeting that the Report has been completed, and information will be available to Council at the next meeting.. He added that he has been advised that the Township will require a Certificate of Approval from the Ministry for handling the electronic waste at the site.

OTHER

WROXETER LOTS

I received an inquiry about the price of the McLaughlin Street lots in Wroxeter. This will be discussed in closed session.

GRASS CUTTING

Hank Haasnoot is willing to cut the grass at various municipal properties for the same price as last year except that he wants an escalator clause in the contract. A base price would be set at say \$1.00/litre. If fuel went to \$1.10/litre he would like \$10.00 more in total for that week.

MOTION #078/08	Moved by Versteeg	Seconded by Scott	
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Public Works Co-ordinator to accept the agreement with Aeration Plus for grass cutting services for the 2008 season, for cutting the same properties at the same fees as paid in 2007. The fees paid will be contingent on a base price for fuel of \$1.00 per litre, AND THAT in any week during which the contractor provides grass cutting services and the price of fuel exceeds the base price of \$1.00 per litre, the contractor will be paid an additional flat fee of \$10.00.			
			CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE (Information only)

- Minister of Finance – The Drainage Superintendents Association were invited to participate in the pre-budget discussions. This is a copy of the Minister’s reply to our President.
- OGRA PRESS RELEASE – McGuinty government announcement of an additional \$1 Billion dollars for municipal infrastructure. Details are to be provided in the Provincial Budget which is to be released next week.

Mr. Wilson also reported that Howick was unsuccessful in obtaining funding through our application to the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII) for road construction, but that Howick did receive notice that we will receive \$472,819.00 from the province to be used for road and bridge construction.

TREASURY REPORT

The following report was circulated in the Council package:

Financial Statements

Enclosed are the following financial reports as at February 29th, 2008:

- Department Revenues Summary (3-year Comparison)
- Department Expenditures Summary (3-year Comparison)
- Statement of Revenues & Expenditures All Accounts
- Howick Community Centre Revenues & Expenditures

Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF)

Information has been received from the Municipal Finance Officers' Association and Ministry of Finance about the 2008 OMPF allocations. Enclosed are copies of the MFOA Bulletin, a letter of explanation from the Ministers of Finance and Municipal Affairs & Housing, and allocation statements pertinent to Howick Township showing an increase in funding over last year of \$62,800.00.

Infrastructure Funding

Enclosed information from the Municipal Finance Officers' Association and Ministry of Finance advise that future provincial surpluses will be dedicated to municipal infrastructure funding.

2007 Audit

The Auditors are here this week to finalize the 2007 audit. During the review, various journal entries are required to effect transfers to and from reserve accounts. At the December 18th Council meeting authorization was given by Resolution #363/07 to purchase a photocopier, and by Resolution #364/07 to purchase a printer, and those resolutions specified "that funding of this purchase come from the 'Capital Reserve'-Administration" to use funds designated for office roof replacement, which was not completed in 2007.

The auditors pointed out that these funds were part of 2007 budgeted Capital expenses, and not drawn from reserves. Therefore, transfers from reserves are not necessary, and these resolutions should be rescinded.

MOTION #079/08

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Henhoeffler

THAT Howick Township Council hereby rescinds Resolution #363/07 and hereby authorizes that the purchase of the MFX-2850D Photocopier be paid from budgeted 2007 Administration – Capital purchase funds originally designated for replacement of the Municipal Office roof. CARRIED

MOTION #080/08

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Henhoeffler

THAT Howick Township Council hereby rescinds Resolution #364/07 and hereby authorizes that the purchase of the Brother 6050DTN Printer be paid from budgeted 2007 Administration – Capital purchase funds originally designated for replacement of the Municipal Office roof. CARRIED

Howick Community Centre

A question was raised at the last Council meeting about purchasing new tables and chairs for the auditorium. The 150th Anniversary Committee donated \$2799.42 for this purpose.

Interim Property Taxes

The first installment of the Interim Tax Levy is due March 28th, so things are very busy in the business office.

CLERKS REPORT

The following report as at March 20th and copies of related information were circulated in the Council package:

Treasurer-Tax Collector Position

At time of this report, seven applications have been received for this position. This matter will be discussed in closed session. A summary list of applicants showing education and related municipal work experience will be provided. An interview date should be decided.

Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) 3150 – Tangible Capital Assets

Referring to the quote from Matthew Betik of KPMG, and subsequent to Council's instruction to obtain further information from other Firms, I contacted Carrie at W & U Consulting about this, and was advised that Ward & Uptigrove Accountants do not deal with any type of municipal accounting. Alan Reid, BDO, advised that it would not be appropriate for BDO, as the Township's Audit Firm, to be involved in setting up our PSAB Capital Assets accounting, although

they might provide some direction in setting up policies and procedures. In view of the foregoing, we would recommend accepting the services offered by Mr. Betik of KPMG. Council advised that they would like to have Mr. Betik attend a Council meeting to discuss the matter and answer questions. The Clerk will arrange to have Mr. Betik attend at his earliest convenience.

Municipal Fire Protection Program

a) Fire Protection Information Survey

Enclosed is the "Summary Report of Survey Findings and Identified Needs" and letter of explanation from John O'Halloran, Fire Protection Specialist, Office of the Fire Marshall. As noted, based on the information gathered Howick "is not currently in compliance with the public fire safety education and fire prevention requirements of subsection 2(1)(a) of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*". Non-compliance is noted in the "Smoke Alarm and Home Escape Planning" component, and "Distribution of Fire Safety Educational Materials". Clerk Johnson advised that Mr. O'Halloran will be in this area in mid-April giving a seminar, and would like to meet with the Clerk and Fire Chiefs to discuss the results of the survey and assist with addressing the deficiencies.

b) Training Course

"Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection – A Decision Makers' Guide" seminar is being held on Wed. April 16th at the Blyth Arena (see information attached). Registration is \$25.00 and must be submitted by April 2nd. Are any Council members interested in attending?

MOTION #081/08

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Scott

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes attendance of the following at the "Essentials of Municipal Fire Protection – A Decision Makers' Guide" seminar to be held on April 16th at the Blyth Arena, and agrees to pay the registration fee of \$25.00 for each, as well as any other costs associated with their attendance at this event: Councillor Henhoeffler

CARRIED

Emergency Management

a) Emergency Plan Exercise

Phil Beard of MVCA has consented to facilitate a "Flood" emergency exercise. He has suggested that a *Howick Flood Emergency Response Plan* be drafted prior to holding the exercise, and has forwarded guidelines and samples. I would like to set a date as soon as possible for the Emergency Management Program Committee to meet and work on this plan. The Committee will meet on April 9th at 10:00 am to begin formulating a Flood Response Plan.

b) Training Courses

The County of Middlesex has a calendar of training courses (see attached). I am not aware that any such opportunities are being planned for Huron County, but there may be something available in the future.

c) Tecumseh Sector Meeting

The spring Sector meeting is to be held in St. Mary's on Tuesday, May 27th (see agenda attached). As CEMC, I respectfully request authorization to attend this session.

MOTION #082/08

Moved by Henhoeffler

Seconded by Scott

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Clerk /CEMC to attend the Emergency Management Tecumseh Sector spring meeting being held in St. Mary's on May 27th, 2008, and agrees to pay the costs associated with her attendance at this event.

CARRIED

d) Emergency Preparedness Exhibitions

Attached is information about 2 events taking place during National Emergency Preparedness week May 4-10, 2008:

- i. May 8th at University of Western Ontario – Focusing on Incident Response & Recovery
- ii. May 9th & 10th at Stratford Rotary Complex – Emergency Preparedness Expo

Agreement for Reciprocal Facility Use

This office was contacted by the Avon Maitland School Board asking if the Township would consider entering into an Agreement for reciprocal use of Township facilities. A copy of an existing Agreement between the Avon Maitland and Huron-Perth District School Boards and a neighbouring municipality is enclosed for your reference. This matter was discussed with our Facilities Supervisor, and he provided some usage statistics (enclosed) relative to the attached Agreement. I believe the purpose is to allow Howick Central School free use of the Howick Community Centre, however, as Mr. Skillen points out, the Township does not have any need to use the School. Council will discuss this further with Mr. Skillen at the next Council meeting.

Request for Donation

A request was received last weekend for donation of Township pins to a Howick Minor Hockey team competing in OHA finals. 25 pins were donated. A resolution authorizing the donation is requested.

MOTION #082/08 **Moved by Henhoeffer** **Seconded by Scott**
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the donation of 45 Township lapel pins to the Howick Minor Hockey Association for the use of Howick teams competing in OHA playoff finals.
CARRIED

Preparation of Council Agenda Packages

In an attempt to compact the Council package and save paper, may I suggest that in future, any “information only” items that are received in this office via e-mail could be forwarded directly by e-mail to all Council members when received. I shall print a hard copy of each item for reference, and compile a listing to be included in the Clerk’s Report at the next Regular Council Meeting. Any correspondence received by mail, and any items requiring Council consideration and action will continue to be copied and included in the package. As requested, I shall also forward the agenda, minutes, by-laws and reports via e-mail on Friday prior to the Council meeting. Your consideration / authorization is requested. Council agreed that the suggested changes be given a trial.

Closed Session Items

- Minutes of the closed sessions held March 4th and March 11th
- Treasurer-Tax Collector position
- Organizational Review – please bring binder (revised pay grid information will be available)
- By-Law Enforcement Officer’s Report

CORRESPONDENCE Requiring Council Action

1. **2008 AMO Conference** – August 24-27 in Ottawa. No agenda or events information is available but registration is now open. Early Bird registration of \$575.00 is due before April 25th. Noted. Action: File
2. **Legislative Assembly of Ontario** – Information and registration form to participate in the “Commemorative Bells Across Canada” project to mark the 400th Anniversary of Quebec City. Bells will ring on July 3rd at 11:00 am EST. It was suggested that the information be forwarded to the local churches.
3. **Joyce Wilson, Huron County Planner** – Schedule of Public Meetings being held to get public input on the County Official Plan Review and development of a “Sustainability Plan”. Clerk Johnson noted that Ms. Wilson will be attending the April 8th Council meeting, and will probably include information about the Sustainability Plan at that time.
4. **Monica Bolton-Walker, Huron Manufacturing Association Co-ordinator** – requesting municipal sponsorship of the annual Manufacturing Excellence Awards. Noted. Action: File
5. **Howick Athletic Association** – request to be notified before April 11th if an increase in ice rental rates is planned for next season. This matter will be discussed with Mr. Skillen.

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS

1. **Kingston, City of** – spearheading a “net a village” campaign to provide bed nets to African villages to greatly reduce malaria. Noted. Action: File
2. **St. Catherines, City of** – supporting and urging the Federal government to consider changes to Bill C-22 to ensure fair “representation by population” for Ontarians. Noted. Action: File
3. **Tecumseh, Town of** – requesting the Federal and Ontario governments to enter into an agreement for delivering Ontario’s share of the \$64 million top-up funds for Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund, and for Ontario to provide matching funding, and that allocation of the funding to municipalities be determined in an equitable manner, and that a Joint Secretariat be established to support the Management Committee appointed to administer the Agreement. Noted. Action: File

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

The listing of Accounts Payable for March 25th, 2008 was circulated in the Council package.

MOTION #084/08**Moved by Scott****Seconded by Henhoeffler**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes payment of accounts in the amount of **\$726,279.66** under date March 25th, 2008 as cheques #6765 to #6821 inclusive, as presented and discussed at the Regular Council meeting held April 1st, 2008.

CARRIED**BY-LAWS** - none**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Belmore Community Centre Board**Councillor Scott reported from the March 17th Board meeting:

- Listed the Board's requirements for an upcoming large 'Stag & Doe' event (800 tickets) (ie. \$750.00 deposit; Liquor Licence; 8 Bartenders; 4 OPP; letter of confirmation from OPP: PAL insurance)
- Water leak at the edge of the floor has now been repaired
- Plan to install ice surface early (Oct. 1st) again next season. Saugeen Maitland Girls hockey will use the early ice.
- Estimates additional revenue of \$6,000 - \$8,000. (NB. This does not reflect the added costs deducted)
- Ice rental rates will remain at \$95.00 per hour (tax Included) for next season.
- The billing for the facility's share of insurance will be paid next month, due to the high costs of hydro, fuel, snow removal, etc. this month.

County of Huron

Reeve Demaray was absent from the last County meeting, but reported the following:

- County Engineer Don Pletch, and Health Unit Director Penney Nelligan were both relieved of their duties. Although these actions were taken in closed session, apparently information was somehow leaked to the public.
- Reminded that Howick Council and staff are invited to attend the April 2nd County Council Session. Councillors Scott and Versteeg had previously committed to attend.

Huron County Farm and Home Safety - meeting next weekCouncillor Versteeg noted that the Agriculture and Water Festival will take place April 8th – 9th. He will be assisting during one of those days.**Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)** - no report**Road Watch Huron** - next meeting April 9th.**Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA)** - no report**Source Water Protection (SWP)**

The following information was circulated in the Council package:

Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley

- Follow-up letter re. March 6th meeting (Copy of presentation available, not enclosed):
- NB. Questionnaire to be completed by Council: Everyone participated in completing the questionnaire, which will be forwarded to the SWP Project Assistant.
- Notice re. Draft Terms of Reference Comment Session to be held April 4th 11:00 am – Noon

Saugeen. Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula – information about "Early Action" funding for Source Protection projects ie. Wells, Septic, Erosion, Pollution Prevention Review

Wheels AwayCouncillor Scott reported from the March 12th Board meeting:

- The 2008 Operating Budget was passed (copy provided)
- Representatives of the Board will be meeting with North Huron for discussion about Morris-Turnberry assuming administration of funding.
- The firm of BDO Accountants will oversee the bookkeeping functions
- Clarification is required about what funding may be used for what purposes.

Wingham Area Fire BoardThe Chief' Report for February, and Minutes of the February 13th Board Meeting including an updated draft 2008 budget, were circulated in the Council package.

Council was asked to review the draft budget and pass a resolution to adopt if acceptable.

After some discussion, Council decided they would take time to examine the budget, and will consider its adoption at the April 8th Council meeting.

OTHER

Howick Optimist Club Request for Reduction of Rental Rates

After further discussion, Council felt they would like to get further information and comments from the Recreation/Facilities Supervisor, as well as details about rental rate comparisons. This will be discussed with Mr. Skillen at the next Council meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION #085/08

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council at this time (9:20 pm) closes this portion of the April 1st, 2008 Regular Council meeting in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 (2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e)* to deal with employee matters, employee negotiations, litigation matters, and/or land acquisition or land disposition matters.

CARRIED

Matters Discussed in Closed Session

- Minutes of March 4th and March 11th, 2008 Closed Sessions (approved by Resolutions #086/08 and #087/08)
- Organizational Review
- Treasurer-Tax Collector Applications
- By-Law Enforcement
- Land Disposition

MOTION #066/08

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Henhoeffter

THAT Howick Township Council now re-opens the April 1st, 2008 Regular Council meeting to the public at this time (11:00 pm).

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

a) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

- i. Alert #08-010 – MOE approves Municipal Hazardous/Special Waste Program Plan
- ii. Alert #08-011 – Ministry of Health circulating survey inviting input to assist in the development of regulations for *Long Term Care Homes Act*. (access survey at www.amo.on.ca)
- iii. Alert #08-012 – Proposed Bill to direct Provincial budget surplus to municipal infrastructure
- iv. Alert #08-013 – Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) increased for 2008.
- v. Alert #08/014 – Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Funding update
- vi. Alert #08/015 – AMO seeking Municipal members for Climate Change Task Force
- vii. AMO / LAS 'FYI 08-001 – LAS adds Energy Management software services

b) Ministry of Citizenship & Immigration – 2088 Lincoln M. Alexander Award

c) Ministry of Culture – new contact information for Conservation Review Board

d) Ministry of Environment – Reporting requirements under O. Reg. 450/07 – 'Charges for Industrial/Commercial Water Users'.

e) Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing

- i. Minister of Finance to introduce legislation to designate a portion of provincial surplus to municipal infrastructure.
- ii. Provincial government will support 'Earth Hour' on March 29th, 8:00 - 9:00 pm

f) Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal – concerns about Federal decisions that impact Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF).

g) Federation of Canadian Municipalities – 2008 'Sustainable Communities Mission' to have municipal leaders visit BC to view "green" municipal projects.

h) Ontario Heritage Trust – 2008 Heritage Community Recognition Program

i) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMCTO) – call for entries for the "Peter J. Marshall 2008 Municipal Innovation Awards" competition.

j) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation – No appeal in Carson Camp vs MPAC

k) Information and Privacy Commissioner – Results of investigation into TTC use of video surveillance in mass transit system. (full report available, copies not included)

- l) **Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)** – 2 reports provided:
 “The Bottom Line on Managing Your Electricity Costs: A Guide for Municipalities”;
 “Ontario Reliability Outlook”. (full reports available, copies not included).
- m) **Ontario Property & Environmental Rights Alliance (OPERA)** – outlining concerns regarding the *Greenbelt Act* and the Greenbelt Council.
- n) **Huron Business Development Corp**
 - i. Centre for Applied Renewable Energy holding information session “Biofuel and the Rural Community” at the Elmwood Community Centre March 19th at 2:00 pm.

The above correspondence was noted. Action: File

Correspondence Available – no copies provided

- o) **ONE Public Sector Group of Funds** – 2007 Annual Report

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #089/08 **Moved by Henhoeffter** **Seconded by Scott**
 THAT Howick Township Council now adjourns the April 1st, 2008 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council at 11:20 p.m., with Council to meet again at the Special Meeting scheduled for April 8th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair. CARRIED

 REEVE

 CLERK