

TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 17th, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT THE HOWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Attendance:

Council Members

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

Staff

Michael Givens, Administrator-Treasurer
Wray Wilson, Public Works Co-ordinator
Ronna Lee Johnson, Clerk

Others

Delegations - 7:05 pm: Marie Tyler, Dorothy Beuermann, Rural Response for Health Children
8:30 pm: William J. Dietrich, P.Eng., County Road No. 28 Municipal Drain

Observers: John Hohenadel; William Rognvaldson; Rosemary Rognvaldson; Don Adams

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

Draft minutes of the April 3rd Regular Council Meeting were circulated in the Council package.

MOTION #095/07	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Henhoeffler
THAT Howick Township Council approves the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 3 rd , 2007 as presented.		CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Huron Rural Response for Healthy Children

Ms. Marie Tyler, Executive Director, assisted by Ms. Dorothy Beuermann, Program Services Manager, of the Huron County Child Abuse Prevention Committee, presented a package of printed information to each Council and staff member, and outlined the vision, mission and mandate of their organization, which focuses on support and education for families and children to reduce child abuse and neglect.

Ms. Tyler and Ms. Beuermann briefly described the programs and services provided:

- T.H.E. Bus 'Toys for Homes Everywhere' – a mobile education and toy lending service
- Parent Support/Education – staff and resources provide support for families with young children to cope with life challenges
- Family Ties – workshops assisting parents to strengthen knowledge and skills
- Personal Safety Education for Children with Disabilities (SNAP)
- Family & Child Abuse Prevention Education
- 'Kids on the Block' – child abuse prevention education. Volunteer puppeteers take information into the schools.
- 'Kinderoo' School Readiness Program – 6-week program for children aged 3 – 5.

Ms. Tyler noted that the organization has 15 staff members and approximately 55 volunteers delivering programs and services to over 500 individuals in 25 communities throughout the County. Government provides 80% of funding with the balance covered by other local grants and donations. In 2003 the economic costs of child abuse in Canada were estimated to be over \$15 billion per year, with victims loss of potential earnings estimated at \$11.2 billion.

Ms. Tyler noted that investing a dollar today in abuse prevention yields a \$7.00 future saving. The ladies answered a few questions, and when asked if the purpose of the visit was to seek a donation, Ms. Tyler responded that their sole aim is to inform Council about the organization and raise awareness of what they have to offer to the community. "We need to look after our children" was her parting comment as she thanked Council for the opportunity. Reeve Demaray thanked the ladies for the presentation, and they left the meeting at this time.

COUNCILLOR'S ISSUES

Poor Road Conditions

Councillor Henhoeffler advised that she had received phone calls from residents complaining about the condition of some of the rural roads. Other Council members had also received similar complaints.

PWC Wilson responded that weather conditions have been such that it has not been possible to grade the roads, and that these conditions have prevailed for an unusually long period this spring. Poor road conditions were exacerbated by a short period of very warm weather followed by a return of winter conditions and wet weather. Hauling gravel during such times only serves to cause further road damage. Graders will be out as soon as conditions permit.

Councillor Name Badges

Reeve Demaray displayed the name badge he had received recently at County Council. The badge is held in place with a magnet, not a pin, which avoids snags and holes in the lapel. He suggested that Howick Council consider a similar purchase.

ADDENDUM:

Councillor Training

Deputy Reeve Yungblut provided a written report outlining the topics presented at the "Effective Municipal Councillor" training session held April 12th in London. Topics included: Strategic Planning; Human Resources; Municipal Code of Conduct; Liability Issues.

RECREATION/FACILITIES SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The following report as at April 12, 2007 was circulated in the Council package:

Arena

- Re: Vandalism incident – all repairs are done in men's washroom, including new mirror now installed. The case is now proceeding through the court system. I was notified by e-mail last week from the investigating officer that the accused will be served a summons to appear in court for charges of mischief under \$5,000.00 and causing a public disturbance.
- CIMCO was here to do proper shutdown and pump down of ammonia from the system.
- All ice has been removed and floor scrubbed.
- All dressing rooms have been scrubbed and disinfected, including shower areas.
- All booth and maintenance staff have been given their end of employment term notices.

Pool

- Job advertisement was in Wingham and Independent Plus newspapers for two weeks.
- Application process deadline was April 11, with several people applying for LIT positions, not many applying for full time guard positions. May have to re-advertise.
It was noted that enough applications were received, but there may not be one to fill the Head Guard position
- Rintoul's have been contacted to do opening procedures.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Watt will be attending the ORFA Professional Development course the week of April 30 to May 4. Unfortunately, the course that Jeremy had applied for was full and he will not be attending as previously thought.

PUBLIC WORKS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The following report, as at April 13, 2007 was provided at the Council meeting:

ROADS

CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT – Huron County

A copy of the letter sent to B.M. Ross (regarding construction of bridge at Wroxeter) was attached, as well as their response stating that the Township's concerns will be discussed with County representatives in the near future. Reeve Demaray added that the matter had been discussed at County Council, and it has been referred back to Committee for further discussion.

CALCIUM CHLORIDE TENDER

Howick Township tendered dust suppressant again this year jointly with the municipalities of South Bruce, Morris-Turnberry, North Huron and Huron-Kinloss. This joint tender is for 1,480 tons, and our portion is for approximately 325 tons. South Bruce manages the tender which calls for Liquid Calcium Chloride meeting OPSS No. 506.

South Bruce accepted the tender from Da Lee Dust Control at \$260.57 per ton. This is the same price as 2006. Other contractors submitted prices for products similar to Calcium chloride but not exactly meeting the specs. Those prices are included for information.

We tried Pollard Highway Products material last year as a test on several road sections and it appeared to control the dust over the summer but we are not sure if there is any residual left after the winter. Their material requires 2 applications to get the same value as Da Lee's product and so there is extra time involved from our staff to apply it. We would like to use Pollard's product on the same roads again this year and evaluate again next spring.

TREES

Staff picked up 75 trees on April 16th. Planting was completed today.

BUILDING

LEGAL ISSUE

There is an issue that should be discussed at an in-camera session. Related information has been provided separately.

DRAINAGE

PROPOSED COUNTY ROAD No. 28 MUNICIPAL DRAIN

The Engineer's Report was filed on April 3rd. A meeting to consider this Report will be on April 17th at 8:30 p.m. A copy of the Report was enclosed in your package. Attached was a letter from Jim Inglis (affected owner) expressing his full agreement and support of the drain construction.

Council may give the drainage by-law first and second reading (provisionally adopt) at this meeting. The Court of Revision could be held on May 15th. The Court of Revision will consist of three or five members appointed by Council. Council members may be members of the Court of Revision. Council should appoint members of the Court on Tuesday. This will be done following the Public Meeting to consider the Report.

COMMUNITY CENTRE DRAINAGE ISSUE

Ron Williams supplied a quotation (copy provided) of \$5,584.00 for drainage work at the Community Centre, which will provide a good outlet for the existing drains. More soccer field drainage is required on the east side and Ron expects this would cost about \$1,500.00. After some discussion, it was concluded that the outlet work proposed by Mr. Williams should proceed as soon as possible in the spring, and that possibly, this would help to solve the problem on the east side of the soccer field. If not, the matter will be discussed with the Soccer Club to determine what their needs are and if they would be willing or able to contribute to the repairs.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - No Report

LANDFILL

ANNUAL REPORT

R.J Burnside filed the annual report with the Ministry and provided two copies for Township use. Copies of the Report's "Conclusions" and "Recommendations" were attached. The full Report is available for review.

TREES

350 spruce seedlings have been ordered for planting in the area that has been capped at the landfill site. These trees are to be picked up on Thursday at Maitland Valley Conservation Authority. It was noted that cedar, spruce and pine were planted in previous years, and spruce had the best survival rate.

OTHER

LAND SALE

Attached is a copy of a letter from Timothy & David Horst expressing an interest in purchasing a parcel of land adjacent to their lots in Fordwich (where the arena once stood). It is a small lot severed from the northwest corner of Park Lot 15, and Horsts own the balance of the lot. Mr. Wilson confirmed with legal counsel that a covenant previously attached to this parcel has lapsed. It was noted that in order to sell this parcel the Township must proceed in accordance with the By-Law governing the sale of land, and that the costs incurred need to be recovered.

MOTION #096/07**Moved by Versteeg****Seconded by Scott**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby declares as surplus to the needs of the Township that parcel of land described as Plan 243, Part Lot 15, south side of Adelaide Street in the Village of Fordwich in the Township of Howick.

CARRIED**ADMINISTRATOR-TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

Financial Comparison Reports - January to March, 2007

Reports prepared by the Deputy Treasurer, were included in the Council package.

Assessment Adjustments

Minutes of Settlement and Section 357 reductions/class changes have been summarized for Councils review (per attached Schedule A). In addition, Supplemental and Omitted Assessments for years 2005 and 2006 have been summarized. Overall, as a result of the adjustments the assessment base has increased by \$198,500.

Treasurer Givens requested Council's authorization to process the adjustments per Subsection 39.1(6) of the Assessment Act.

MOTION #097/07**Moved by Henhoeffter****Seconded by Scott**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Treasurer to apply revisions to the assessment of and process property tax adjustments for the affected properties, as listed on Schedule 'A' attached hereto, said schedule reflecting assessment changes as follows:

Minutes of Settlement / Supps / Omits**REDUCTIONS****ADDITIONS**

For the Year 2006

\$343,430.00

\$541,930.00

For the Year 2005

\$ 57,000.00

\$ 57,000.00

\$400,430.00\$598,930.00**Net Change: Addition \$198,500.00****CARRIED****Township Website**

The new and improved website went live on April 12th. The new site allows administrative staff to update the Latest News, Minutes, Permits/Forms and By-Laws/Policies as required. Individuals are now able to make a rental requests for the Community Centre and submit questions and/or concerns directly from the site. As well, there is an Events Calendar that can be updated with any and all current events. Staff is continuing to input information.

Administrator-Treasurer-Tax Collector

A total of 12 applications for the position had been received, and a short list of 4 has been compiled of those identified as appropriate candidates for interview. It was decided that all members of Council will attend the interviews. Reeve Demaray will attend the office tomorrow to review the applications, and interviews will be scheduled as soon as possible thereafter.

2007 Township of Howick Budget - moved to later on Agenda**CLERKS REPORT**

Council received the following report as at April 12th and copies of related information:

Lottery Licencing

Clerk Johnson advised she is in the process of developing a Lottery Licencing information manual / policy to be distributed to any organization that wishes to obtain a lottery licence, and asked that if Council is aware of any issues or problems that should be addressed or information that should be included, to let her know.

Minutes of Closed Meetings

The minutes of closed sessions to date this year were made available for Council's perusal. Once everyone has had a chance to review all of them, noting any changes or corrections needed, Council may proceed to amend or approve as required. To be discussed in closed session.

Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)

Bill 152 'The Consumer Protection and Service Modernization Act' came into effect April 1st, 2007. A chart was provided listing the changes to MFIPPA effected by this Bill. Most changes are 'house-keeping' and 'clarifications' and do not substantially change the intent of the original legislation.

Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers – Zone 2 Spring Meeting

The agenda for the upcoming Zone 2 meeting to be held at the Bruce Power Centre on May 10th was enclosed for Council's information. Registration is \$35.00. Clerk Johnson requested Council's approval for the Deputy Treasurer and herself to attend this event.

MOTION #098/07

Moved by Henhoeffler

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Clerk and Deputy Treasurer to attend the AMCTO Zone 2 Spring meeting to be held at the Bruce Power Centre on Thursday, May 10th, and agrees to pay the registration fee of \$35.00 for each and any other costs associated with their attendance at this event.

CARRIED

Early Ice at Howick Community Centre – Working Committee

As directed at the last Council meeting, a letter was sent to the President of the Howick Agricultural Society in response to his letter of March 28th, outlining Council's proposal for the formation of a Working Committee and the suggested date for the Committee to meet. A similar letter was forwarded to the President of the Howick Athletic Association (HAA). Mr. Hussey (President of HAA) has confirmed that he and Mr. Steve Espensen will participate on the Working Committee representing the ice user groups, and that they will attend the April 24th meeting. As requested, he contacted representatives of the Saugeen-Maitland and Howick Recreation hockey groups and they have agreed to be represented by HAA. At that time, he had not yet spoken with the Howick Skating Club.

ADDENDUM

A response was received today from the President of the Howick Agricultural Society in which the following requests were outlined:

- that the Committee consist of 2 members of Howick Athletic Association, 1 member of Howick Figure Skating Club, 3 members of the Howick Fair Board and 2 members of Howick Council.
- That prior to the April 24th meeting they receive in detail what the expectations of the Howick Athletic Association and Howick Council are.
- That they receive an agenda well in advance of the meeting so that their committee members can have necessary information available.
- That in order to accommodate the schedules of their members the meeting be called for 8:30 pm.
- That in the interests of the entire community the meeting be open to members of the public and press.

The letter advises that the Agricultural Society representatives to the committee will be Bart Scherpenzeel, Norm Fairles and Ron Douglas.

Clerk Johnson advised that she contacted Mr. Hussey, President of the Howick Athletic Association, regarding representation for the Howick Figure Skating Club. He confirmed that he had spoken recently with the President of the Skating Club who informed him that they do not wish to have individual representation on the Committee and agreed to have their interests represented by the Athletic Association.

Council directed that the Clerk respond to the Howick Agricultural Society advising that the composition of the Working Committee will remain as originally proposed - 2 representatives each from Council, Howick Agricultural Society and Howick Athletic Association. The feeling was that the larger the Committee, the more difficult it is to achieve a consensus on any matter. The meeting will be held as scheduled - at 8:00 pm on April 24th at the Howick Library, and all Township Committee meetings are open to the public.

Clerk Johnson was appointed to act as Recording Secretary for the Working Committee.

Howick Agricultural Society Agreement

One of the questions in the March 28th letter from the Agricultural Society was, when will the Fair Board's contract (for use of the facility) be renewed. A copy of the current Agreement was included for Council's future consideration. (NB. Clause 6 states rental fee is to be reviewed annually)

Farewell to Mike

Council and staff will gather at the Listowel Golf Club on Thursday, April 19th at 5:00 pm to bid farewell and best wishes to Administrator-Treasurer Mike Givens. Roast Beef supper will be served at 6:00 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE Requiring Council Action - none

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS - none

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

The listing of Accounts Payable for April 17th was circulated in the Council package.

MOTION #099/07

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Versteeg

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes payment of accounts in the amount of **\$111,184.27** under date April 17, 2007 as cheques #5690 to 5726 inclusive, as presented and discussed at the Regular Council meeting held April 17, 2007.

CARRIED

COUNTY ROAD NO. 28 MUNICIPAL DRAIN

Public Meeting to Consider Engineer's Report

MOTION #100/07

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council now closes the April 17th, 2007 Regular Council meeting at 8:30 pm, AND hereby opens the Public Meeting to consider the Engineer's Report on the County Road No. 28 Municipal Drain.

CARRIED

See separate Minutes of Public Meeting.

MOTION #101/07

Moved by Yungblut

Seconded by Versteeg

WHEREAS Section 46 (1) of the Drainage Act requires that the municipality shall provide notice of the time and place of the sitting of the Court of Revision to hear appeals against assessments for a drainage works,
AND WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 46 (3) of the Drainage Act, the first sitting of such Court of Revision must be held not earlier than 20 days and not later than 30 days after the date of the mailing of the notice,
NOW THEREFORE Council of the Township of Howick hereby appoints the following persons to serve as members of the Court of Revision for the County Road No. 28 Municipal Drain: All members of Howick Township Council,
AND the first sitting of the Court of Revision shall take place at the Howick Municipal Office on Tuesday, May 15th, 2007 at 7:05 pm.

CARRIED

MOTION #102/07

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Scott

THAT Howick Township Council now closes the Municipal Drain Public Meeting at 8:48 pm, AND hereby re-convenes the April 17th, 2007 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATOR-TREASURER'S REPORT – Continued

2007 Budget

Treasurer Givens provided the following revised budget information for review:

- Draft Budget Statement of Expenses, Revenues and Taxation Requirement
- Draft Statement of Capital Expenditures
- Draft Statement of External and Internal Transfers/Donations
- Draft Howick Township Tax Rate Calculations (based on the proposed budget calculations)

During review and discussion, the following items were identified for change:

- Huron County budget increase be reduced from 5% to 3.95% (County passed budget today)
- \$4,000. be moved from 'Roads' to 'Recreation' for drainage work at the Howick Community Centre
- The estimate for the Olympia be reduced for purchase of a used machine
- \$8,000. removed from Recreation Capital - purchase of a Tractor & Mower deferred
- Budget for Pool Renovation project to be divided between 2007 and 2008.

The general consensus was that an increase of 4% or less should be achievable. Treasurer Givens will effect the necessary changes and have a revised draft prepared to present to Council at the Special Meeting (Strategic Planning) scheduled for Wednesday, April 18th.

ADDENDUM

BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 11–2007 – To Provide for a Drainage Works (County Road No. 28 Municipal Drain)

PWC Wilson advised that the by-law will be provisionally adopted at this time, and will be finally passed if no appeals are received at the Court of Revision.

MOTION #103/07**Moved by Versteeg****Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council gives first, second, and third and final reading to By-Law No. 11-2007, being a by-law to provide for a drainage works in the Township of Howick (County Road No. 28 Municipal Drain).

CARRIED**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Avon Maitland District School Board** - No report**Belmore Community Centre Board**Councillor Scott reported from the April 16th Board meeting:

- Board received a grant of \$25,000.00 from Bell Canada.
- Total cost for supply and installation of the condenser was \$33,000.00.
- Quote for new flooring was \$36,261.00.
- CIMCO's quote is \$20,000. to re-install the condenser on a properly constructed support base.
- The Board is working on submitting applications to other agencies for grants (ie. Farm Credit).
- New rental rates will be set in the near future.
- Insurance costs for 2007 - \$6,968.00.
- Expenditures for the month of March amounted to \$24,743.00.
- Belmore will host the West Skate Competition Jan. 26-27, 2008 which will incur additional expenses.

County of Huron

Reeve Demaray reported:

- Defibrillators ordered by the County will be distributed to arenas throughout Huron County.
- Regarding "Transparency and Accountability":
 - Howick is handling closed sessions correctly;
 - Any matter discussed in a closed session elsewhere may also be discussed in a closed session here;
 - If we do not engage a local investigator (Ombudsman), any municipal investigation would be dealt with by the Ontario Ombudsman.
 - E-mails received become the property of the municipality.
- Reconsidering how to proceed with construction of the bridge on Highway 87 at Wroxeter, suggesting that instead of closing the highway, construction could be done 1 lane at a time.
- There is a possibility that this bridge construction may be deferred.
- Source Water Protection Committee will consist of only 4 municipal representatives (not 5).
- County may look into county-wide policing.
- County Council adopted the 2007 budget today:
 - Overall increase was 3.95%;
 - Removed the donation to the hospital for purchase of C-T scanner;
 - Howick's share of the County levy will be \$1,286,700.00;
 - Discount is offered for pre-payment of County levy;
- County will investigate further the Ottawa recycling project.

Huron County Farm & Safety

Councillor Versteeg reported that the Committee was in attendance last week at the Agriculture and Water Safety event held in Seaforth.

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority - no report**Road Watch Huron**ADDENDUM: Councillor Henhoeffter provided a report from the April 11th meeting:

1. Election of Officers:
 - Chair – Murray Nesbitt, North Huron
 - Vice Chair – Jim Nelemans, Morris-Turnberry
 - Past Chair – Ray Hurd, Goderich
2. Financials: Budget for 2007 - \$14,500. (assuming 2007 \$10,000 Huron County grant approval)
 - 3,000. evaluation of program
 - 11,000. ATV Safety; Conferences; various other activities
3. Planned Activities for 2007: Focus on ATV Safety.
 Jeff Walraven, OPP, e-mailed Huron County by-laws re: use of ATV's in Huron municipalities (refer to green pages in Council package).

By-laws vary throughout Huron County, therefore, there is a lot of confusion as to what is allowed where, by OPP, councils, ATV users, etc.

Howick Township's rules are NO ATV's on any roads at any time.

4. Next meeting: 7:30 pm on May 16, 2007 at Blyth (North Huron)

5. Full report to follow from Sherri Bezaire.

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority – no report

Source Water Protection

Deputy Reeve Yungblut reported:

- The new Regulations are now out.
 - Regulations specify the Committee will consist of 13 members, 1/3 of which (or 4) will be municipal representatives to be chosen from the 6 counties.
 - Howick's nomination has been submitted.
 - Appointment to the Committee is for a 3-year term.
 - Chair of the Committee will be chosen by the Minister (on Committee's recommendation)
- Ms. Yungblut advised that she will attend the Source Water Protection 'Meet and Greet' session to be held in Brussels on Monday, April 23rd.

Wheels Away

Councillor Scott reported from the April 11th meeting:

- Tenders are out for purchase of a new van.
- Mr. Scott continues to voice his concerns regarding the operating deficit, as the Board continues to depend on the revenues from the Gas Tax Rebate, which may not continue.
- The Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 9th at 7:00 pm at the Sports Lounge in Wingham.

Wingham Area Fire Board

Minutes of the March 14th Board meeting, and the Chief's Report to March 31, 2007 were circulated in the Council package, along with a copy of a letter to the Board from the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry dated April 10th advising that, in order to clarify that Council's position regarding the purchase of the pumper truck, the following motion was passed at their Council meeting held on April 3rd:

"That the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry will have the Morris-Turnberry share of the pumper purchase fully allocated in 2008 and that the tender date and the delivery date of the pumper be the responsibility of the Wingham Area Fire Board."

ADDENDUM

Deputy Reeve Yungblut provided the following report from the April 11th Board meeting:

1. call to order
2. declaration of pecuniary interest – none declared
3. minutes of March 14, 2007 meeting – motion carried to adopt minutes as presented.
4. Fire chief's report – adopted
5. Accounts – approved
6. Correspondence: letter from Howick regarding retaining \$10,000 with balance in operating account.
Letter approving revised 2007 budget with correction made for the new dispatch fee.
Letter from Morris-Turnberry **approving the 2007 budget** as presented "minus the pick-up truck."
(therefore not approving??)
Faxed letter from North-Huron – approving the revised 2007 budget.
Faxed letter from North Huron – at their April 2 meeting, a resolution was passed contributing an additional \$50,000 towards the purchase of the pumper in 2008.
Letter from Morris-Turnberry – in response to an article in the Wingham Advance Times, which suggested that M-T had not planned for purchasing the pumper truck and had not put money in reserves for it, Morris-Turnberry states in this letter that no motion had ever been passed by their council suggesting they do not support the purchase of a pumper truck in 2008, and a motion was consequently made (and carried) that M-T will have the amount set aside in its reserves to cover its share of the purchase of a pumper truck in 2008.

Discussion – Murray Scott, from North Huron, questioned Chief Harley Gaunt regarding the number of suppliers Harley would be looking at for a pumper truck purchase. Chief Gaunt said there would be about 10 or more possibilities, but he would like to send out three tenders and that the price will likely be very close. Murray also asked the chief how soon we would have to order in 2007 for a 2008 delivery. Chief Gaunt said it would take about 8 months (2007 chassis). If we wanted a 2008 chassis, we would have to wait until the end of 2008 for it.

Motion # 1 – by Archie MacGowan (North Huron), for the fire chief to go ahead with at 2007 order (tenders) of a pumper truck for a 2008 delivery.

(Andrea Yungblut requested a recorded vote and it was noted that she would have two votes in the absence of Reeve Max Demaray).

Archie – yes

Andrea – no, no

Bill Thompson (Morris-Turnberry) – no

Lynn Hoy (Morris-Turnberry) – yes

Murray Scott (North Huron) – yes

Tie vote. 3-3.

Bill Thompson said he hadn't understood that Andrea would get two votes, and then said he would like to change his mind and asked for a motion to reconsider the vote.

Motion # 2– by Archie MacGowan - to reconsider the aforementioned vote.

(Andrea asked for a recorded vote).

Archie – yes

Andrea – no, no

Bill – yes

Lynn – yes

Murray – yes

Motion carried

Motion # 3 – to instruct the fire chief to order (tender) a pumper truck in 2007 for a 2008 delivery.

(Andrea requested a recorded vote)

Archie – yes

Andrea – no, no

Bill – yes

Lynn – yes

Murray – yes

Motion carried.

Bill Thompson stated that he would no longer be coming to the fire board meetings after the April 11 meeting.

Further correspondence:

Letter from Morris-Turnberry – advising the fire board that M-T is considering the possibility of realigning fire service in the Morris Ward near Brussels. The Brussels fire department is in a position to provide service to the Morris Ward. The letter further advised that, should they decide to do this, the Wingham Area Fire Board would need to review Schedule C of its agreement and Schedule G, regarding capital and cost sharing. There would also be changes needed to the 911 system. The size of the area that might be realigned has not yet been established.

Letter from Harley Gaunt – thanking the fire board for the flowers sent following Harley's brother's death.

Letter from Hanover police regarding the new dispatch service fees. New dispatch fee is based on population of 8,706 people, and the fee will now be \$10,447.24, and will come into effect next week. In the past, the fee was based on the number of residents in North Huron, and it was suggested this was a "back door" agreement by the previous police chief and fire chief. If we had stayed with the same level of dispatch service, it would have cost \$18,282, and therefore we will now have a lower level of service (need to have one man stay behind to man the phones when there is a call – at the Gorrie Fire Hall also).

Bunker Gear

Motion – by Lynn Hoy – that the fire chief be instructed to tender for three prices for the bunker gear, but that we do not have to accept the lowest tender if they are very close in price, but look at quality issues and take them into consideration as well. Motion carried.

Motion – by Archie – that Harley send out tenders for the pumper truck and ask for them to be returned in time for the board's consideration at their June meeting. Recorded vote – Archie – yes, Andrea - no, no, Bill – yes, Lynn – yes, Murray – yes. Motion carried.

Bill and Lynn suggested that the fire chief try to get the 2008 chassis, even if it means waiting until and end of the year delivery in 2008. Harley said that he needs a custom cab – with seating for 6 people – needs shoulder room and room for the men wearing their suits and gear. He suggested a custom-built chassis is "a lot stronger and safer." He said the specs are 66 pages long and did not wish to copy them.

Motion to adjourn – carried.

Council expressed concern regarding how or by whom the specifications for the pumper truck were determined. It was felt that the specifications exceed the requirements of this Fire Department. A suggestion was made that an outside agency be asked to assess what would be needed.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION #104/07

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Scott

THAT Howick Township Council now closes this portion of the April 17th, 2007 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. CARRIED

Matters discussed:

Litigation – Building Code Act

At this time, Deputy Reeve Yungblut declared a conflict of pecuniary interest, as her property is in proximity to the subject property to be discussed.

Council received and discussed further correspondence from legal Counsel concerning charges under the Building Code Act.

Minutes of Closed Meetings

Copies of Minutes of closed sessions were provided for Council's review.

Minutes were approved by Resolutions #105/07 - #109/07.

MOTION #110/07

Moved by Yungblut

Seconded by Scott

THAT Howick Township Council now re-opens the April 17th, 2007 Regular Council Meeting to the Public. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY (copies attached)

- a. **Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**
 - i. 'Alert' No. 07/015 –
 - ii. 'Alert' No. 07/016 – Rural Infrastructure Grants approved (list in Treasurer's Report).
 - iii. 'Alert' No. 07/017 – AMO endorses and supports Environmental Assessment Reforms supporting alternatives to direct landfill disposal.
- b. **Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing** – Information and brochure "*Building Better Communities: Highlights of What's New in the Planning Act*".
- c. **Accessibility News**
 - i. March 24, 2007 Update
 - ii. Canadian Human Rights Commission Media Release – VIA Rail required to make new passenger cars accessible to people with disabilities.
- d. **Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks & Treasurers (AMCTO)**
 - i. AMCTO Express – March 20, 2007
 - ii. Legislative Update March 23, 2007
- e. **Ontario Good Roads Association 'Heads Up Alert'** – Provincial Budget offers little for Transportation and Infrastructure.
- f. **Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons** – Report released "*Small Triumphs, Big Challenges*" shows increase in licencing international medical graduates. (full report available)
- g. **Ontario Power Generation** – Semi-annual performance report (full report available)
- h. **Local Authority Services (LAS) "newsfLASH"**
 - i. Update on Electricity Program, Feb/Mar 2007, Vol. 1, #2
 - ii. Update on Natural Gas Program, Feb/Mar 2007, Vol. 1, #2
- i. **Town of Lakeshore** – letter to Minister of Municipal Affairs expressing concerns with the Ontario Greenbelt Plan.
- j. **Huron County Health Unit** – *The Pandemic Planner*, March, 2007
- k. **Huron Tourism Association**
 - i. Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corp. campaign promoting Ontario travel
 - ii. Annual Tourism Event & Brochure Swap - registration deadline is April 5th
 - iii. "Beyond the City Lights" Tourism conference, May 7th in Shakespeare
- l. **Huron Business Development Corp.**
 - i. Better Business seminar "The Customer Service Quagmire" April 4th in Clinton
 - ii. "*Business & Work in Huron County*", March, 2007

ADDENDA

- m. **Municipal Engineers Association** – Notice of Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Document to include municipal transit projects.

