

TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 21st, 2009 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

Mark Farinha, Treasurer/Tax Collector
Bruce Skillen, Recreation/Facilities Supervisor

Delegations

Lorna VanderPloeg, By-Law Enforcement Officer

Others

Michael Smolenaars; Mac Wylie; Bruce Brocklebank and son

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 7th was circulated in the Council package.

MOTION #125/09

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Scott

THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 7th, 2009, as circulated.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

Lorna VanderPloeg, By-Law Enforcement Officer

Ms. VanderPloeg attended at Council's invitation, to provide an update on the status of property standards issues. She noted that of the 25 property standards orders issued as of last October, all but 6 have been completed. It is difficult to accomplish much over the winter but since the better weather she has been trying to move things along, especially with a couple of the long-standing problems.

Discussion focused on a particular property on Howick Street in Wroxeter, where she has difficulty contacting the tenant and gets little co-operation from him. The owner of the property refuses to take any action or provide assistance in the matter. She noted that last year the former tenant did co-operate to some extent and some clean-up was done, but since she left, there has been little progress. Ms. VanderPloeg requested Council's direction as to how they wish her to proceed in this matter. She suggested that she could order a dumpster to be delivered to the site and issue an order for clean-up to be completed within a specified time frame, but was not optimistic that there would be compliance. Alternatively, a contractor could be hired to do the clean-up, and all costs would be charged to the property owner.

Neighbours of this property asked what can be done about the noise problem – loud music, partying and vehicles going all night long every weekend. Ms. VanderPloeg advised that the police should be called to deal with these matters. She is not willing to put herself in harm's way to come out to a late-night call at a residence where partying and drinking are going on. She knows of instances where By-Law Officers have been threatened with guns. She explained that in order for her to lay a charge in such cases, she must build a file of information

by having a witness or witnesses who will keep records of dates and times when incidents occur and be willing to testify.

Another unresolved issue is a derelict vehicle that still has not been moved even though the owner was charged and convicted for not complying with an order to have it removed. Ms. VanderPloeg advised that she has been attempting to enforce the order, and recently received a call from the police that the vehicle owner complained that she has been “harassing” him. He claims that he was told during the trial, that if he covered the vehicle it could remain in the yard. Ms. VanderPloeg contacted the lawyer to verify this information and was told that there was no such “deal” that would allow the vehicle to remain – he was advised to put a valid licence on the vehicle or remove it. Ms. VanderPloeg has been attempting to find a local contractor who will tow and impound vehicles. She advised that towing and impound is expensive, and it is important to ensure that legal requirements are fulfilled prior to proceeding.

Another ongoing issue involves a property in Gorrie where an order was issued to clean up the yard and repair a makeshift fence which was erected around the property. Ms. VanderPloeg noted that most of the material has been cleaned up and loaded on a trailer sitting in the yard, but nothing has been done about the “fence”, and the owner does not respond to her or the lawyer’s attempts to contact him. She requested Council’s direction concerning the fence since he has not complied with the orders issued. Council directed that she proceed with issuing a Final Order to repair or remove the fence.

During further discussion, Ms. VanderPloeg agreed that action under the Property Standards By-Law is slow and frustrating, but it is important to treat all people as respectfully and fairly as possible and try to work with them to get the desired results. Mr. Smolenaars commented that when Council sent out notice that the Property Standards By-Law would be more diligently enforced, he felt that the problems in the neighbourhood would be solved, but so far there have been no results. Mr. Wylie asked how the neighbours can deal with the constant all-night disturbances. Ms. VanderPloeg noted that she can lay a charge under the Noise By-Law, but she is not being notified by the police of the complaints. In order to successfully prosecute, proper notice must be served, and she must have witnesses and documentation.

Clerk Johnson raised another property standards matter concerning the Fordwich Tire property. Mr. Stan recently asked her if Council intends to amend the letter sent to him regarding clean-up of his property. It was his understanding that he would be permitted to leave tires sitting at the front of his building, but the letter sent does not reflect that allowance. Councillor Scott, who attended the meeting at the site, felt that it was agreed that “a few” tires could be left in the front for “advertising” purposes. Council directed that the letter to Mr. Stan be amended to allow up to six tires to sit against the front of the building, neatly stacked between the front doors.

In conclusion, Ms. VanderPloeg advised that she will serve appropriate notice regarding the Wroxeter property, and contact the sanitation company to proceed with the clean-up. Reeve Demaray thanked Ms. VanderPloeg for her attendance and discussion, and at this time (7:45 pm) Ms. VanderPloeg, Mr. Brockelbank and son, Mr. Smolenaars and Mr. Wylie left the meeting.

COUNCILLORS’ ISSUES

Debenture Financing

Councillor Versteeg reported that during conversation at the Municipal Officers’ meeting last Friday, he learned that a local municipality recently refinanced a debenture to take advantage of a lower interest rate, and asked if Howick should investigate the possibility of refinancing the loan on the Community Centre. Treasurer Farinha advised that he has attempted to contact OSIFA, but his calls have not been returned. He will try again and see what he can learn regarding our loan.

Weed Problem

Councillor Scott reported a complaint about the overgrowth of weeds that occurs each year in an area behind the mobile homes on Belmore Line just south of Belmore. The Weed Inspector will be notified.

Clean-up of Tree

Reeve Demaray reported that a tree cut down by a Hydro crew near the bridge in Wroxeter is still there and asked who is responsible for cleaning it up. PWC Wilson advised that the Public Works department will attend to it.

Howick Soldier Home from Afghanistan

Reeve Demaray reported that he received a call on Easter Weekend advising that Dustin McCracken, son of Ron and Cathy McCracken of Fordwich, is home after a tour of duty in Afghanistan. Reeve Demaray visited with Dustin and presented him with a card of appreciation, a Township pin, and a bottle of maple syrup made by Jack Hohenadel, whose son attended school with Dustin.

RECREATION/FACILITIES SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

Engineered Air Roof Top Unit at Howick Community Centre

Mr. Skillen advised that the intake motor on the malfunctioning air exchange unit has been removed by Gabel Electric, to be taken for repair. Once repaired, he is arranging for a meeting of the involved parties to oversee and ensure the proper installation and operation of the unit. Responding to a question about who will be responsible for repair costs, Mr. Skillen felt the Township would be required to pay since the 1-year warranty has expired. It was noted that there were no complaints during the first year of operation, so it is assumed that it was working then. However, it should not be causing problems given the low hours of operation.

Dressing Room Flooring

Mr. Skillen reported that the floors in the new dressing rooms have now been cleaned. He noted that, while the air quality may have contributed somewhat to the problem with the floors, he felt that the cleaning products being used were inappropriate for the type of rubber flooring. A better, more effective product has solved the problem.

Community Pool - Staffing

Mr. Skillen reported that construction is going very well – work is currently underway on the inside walls, and plumbing and painting will be done soon. Regarding staffing for this summer, all but one of last year’s staff will be returning, and he has been interviewing to fill that position. He noted that pay rates will be higher due to the increase in the minimum wage for students, but there will be no increase in lesson and admission fees. Hopefully, this will encourage an increase in attendance.

Grand Opening of New Pool Facility

Council concurred with Mr. Skillen’s suggestion of Saturday, July 4th, 2009 as the date for the opening ceremony. This will allow staff some time to operate in the new facility and “get the kinks out”. As a contributor to this project, the Trillium Foundation will also be notified of the date. Mr. Skillen will advertise the event in the “What’s Happening in Howick” publication, and will provide further details and a budget.

Aquatic Management Course

Information was provided about a course sponsored by the Lifesaving Society for professionals involved in operation and management of aquatic facilities. Mr. Skillen expressed interest in attending the course which is being presented in Wingham on June 3rd and 4th.

MOTION #126/09 **Moved by Versteeg** **Seconded by Yungblut**
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes Recreation/Facilities Supervisor Bruce Skillen to attend the Aquatic Management Course in Wingham on June 3rd and 4th, and agrees to pay the registration fee of \$220.00 and any other costs associated with attendance at this event. **CARRIED**

Condenser Drain Pan Repair

Mr. Skillen provided a price quote from Toromont Cimco for resealing the drain pan on the cooling tower condenser. He noted that although it is not a serious problem, the pan leaks and wastes water. The unit is near the end of its term of use, but still works well. A new unit could cost up to \$50,000.00. Councillor Scott advised that a similar problem at Belmore was repaired locally, and suggested Mr. Skillen contact the Board Chairman for information.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The following report and supporting information were provided at the Council meeting:

Infrastructure Funding Intake# 2 (Louisa & Old Mill Sts/ Fordwich)

When Intake # 1 funding was announced one of the conditions for application was construction projects had to be “shovel ready”. Howick adhered to this condition and did not apply.

Huron County received Intake #1 funding for their part of this project. In the meantime Howick completed all pre-construction requirements and *approved the project in anticipation of Intake # 2 funding*. Howick was “shovel ready” for Intake # 2.

Now Intake #2 has been announced, Howick being shovel ready may disqualify us from eligibility. One of the conditions of Intake # 2 is the Municipality must attest they would not have done the project without Government funding. Having this project ready to go seems to indicate we would have done it anyway on our own. Hence, an application for Intake # 2 funding for the Fordwich project may well be denied.

Letters have been hand delivered to MP Ben Lobb and MPP Carol Mitchell advising them of this inconsistency, obstacle or catch 22 in the eligibility process.

I also spoke with Pearl Dougall of MMAH on Friday. She told me she did not know anything, could not answer any of my questions or concerns, that the application guidelines have not been finalized and if I wanted more information I should call the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Secretariat. At the time of writing this report, I tried calling this Secretariat and was sent on a merry chase through their phone system being unable to even leave a message. Things there seem to be in a state of confusion. The deadline for application is May 1st, 2009 or 12 working days after the announcement. Funding is 1/3 Federal, 1/3 Provincial, 1/3 Municipal.

If we apply for funding for the Fordwich project there is a good chance our application will be rejected. Playing by the rules cost us. Therefore, to be safe we should apply for:

1. The Roads Building Addition -\$150,000 is total cost
2. Two other projects as determined by the PW Inspector

Discussion focused on the types of infrastructure projects that would be eligible. PWC Wilson suggested several priority road, bridge and culvert construction projects, and cautioned that it would be necessary to spend unbudgeted dollars this year to pay for engineering on a bridge in preparation for construction next year.

MOTION #127/09	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Henhoeffter
THAT Howick Township Council hereby instructs the Treasurer to submit an application for funding to Intake Two of the Building Canada Fund, Communities Component, to assist with construction of an addition to the Public Works Garage.		
		CARRIED

MOTION #128/09	Moved by Henhoeffter	Seconded by Versteeg
THAT Howick Township Council hereby instructs the Treasurer to submit an application for funding to Intake Two of the Building Canada Fund, Communities Component, to assist with construction of 2 blocks of rural road (4 km).		
		CARRIED

MOTION #129/09	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Henhoeffter
THAT Howick Township Council hereby instructs the Treasurer to submit an application for funding to Intake Two of the Building Canada Fund, Communities Component, to assist with construction of bridge rehabilitation per B.M. Ross Bridge Study.		
		CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The following report as at April 16th was circulated in the Council package:

ROADS

PUBLIC WORKS STAFF OPERATIONS

- Plow equipment will come off this week (except the truck)
- Retriever will be installed this week
- Grading continues
- Tree Planting – again this year, trees were given to residents in newly constructed homes, and 60 were planted on the roadside along reconstructed Malcolm Line. The Township planted 30, and David Schneider planted 30.
- Garbage & tire pickup from roadsides – tires discarded in ditches has been a real problem. Public Works men have picked up nearly 100 from various locations this spring already.

GRAVEL TENDER

The gravel was tested this week and it passed the test. We should be able to start as soon as the frost is out (slow this year), if Joe Kerr Ltd. is ready. Gravel will be taken from the Reichard Pit on Concession 4.

FORDWICH STREET CONSTRUCTION

We received our approval from the Ministry of Environment. A pre-construction meeting is to be scheduled for late next week. Following that meeting I will have an idea of how the

contractor is going to proceed with the job. Information will be sent out to all village residents, and a meeting with affected residents and businesses may be advisable.

TRUCK ROADEO

The roadeo will be at the Howick Community Centre on April 29th beginning around 8:00 a.m. Anyone interested in watching feel free to drop in. Reeve Demaray agreed to judge during the morning competition.

BUILDING

Brenda prepared the enclosed report on the following building activity to date in 2009:

- 13 Building Permits issued – Value \$476,500.00 – Fees \$2,698.43
- 1 Septic Permit issued – Value \$11,000.00 – Fee \$300.00

DRAINAGE

BOLTON MUNICIPAL DRAIN

The meeting to consider the Report is scheduled for scheduled for Thurs., April 30th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Copies of the Report were made available at the meeting for Council review.

Provided there is agreement to proceed, Council could give two readings to a By-law adopting the Report and a date could be set for the Court of Revision (CoR). The CoR should also be a special meeting. I have enclosed information from the Drainage Act regarding the CoR.

Council will appoint two members to the CoR after adoption of the Report.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

CONSENT APPLICATION –Estate of Robert Dunn

This application is an original lot-line split of Lot 32 and Lot 33, Concession 13. Both lots meet the minimum lot area requirement. This severance is to clear up the estate. I would recommend acceptance of this severance. Mr. Wilson added that no drainage assessment splits are required, and answered a concern about the well on Lot 33, which serves both properties, noting that a well agreement between the owners would be required. He pointed out that the house on Lot 32 is not habitable.

PLAN OF CONDOMINIUM – Howick Apartments

The public meeting to consider this proposal is to be held at our June 2nd Council meeting provided someone from Huron County Council is able to attend that night. The alternate date would be June 16th.

I believe we should request that the Owner provide the following:

1. An inspection Report, by the Chief Fire Official or other qualified person, confirming that the required fire separations between each unit are intact and meet the requirements of the Ontario Fire Code. A copy of this Report shall be filed with the Township of Howick;
2. Confirmation from a licensed contractor that the septic tank has been pumped and the On-site Sewage System is functioning as intended. A copy of this Report shall be filed with the Township of Howick;
3. Confirmation that all requirements under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, as amended, are or will be complied with.

We should also advise the County of Huron that the Township of Howick will not enter into a responsibility agreement regarding the water and on-site sewage system in the event that either system fails.

MOTION #130/09

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Versteeg

THAT, in regard to an application for Plan of Condominium from Howick Apartments Ltd., Howick Township Council hereby directs that the Owner shall provide the following to the Township:

1. An inspection Report, by the Chief Fire Official or other qualified person, confirming that the required fire separations between each unit are intact and meet the requirements of the Ontario Fire Code. A copy of this Report shall be filed with the Township of Howick;
2. Confirmation from a licensed contractor that the septic tank has been pumped and the On-site Sewage System is functioning as intended. A copy of this Report shall be filed with the Township of Howick;
3. Confirmation that all requirements under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, as amended, are or will be complied with;

and hereby directs that the County of Huron Planning and Development Department be advised that the Township of Howick will not enter into a responsibility agreement regarding the water and on-site sewage systems serving the subject property in the event that either system fails.

CARRIED

LANDFILL

STEWARDSHIP ONTARIO – Blue Box Funding

We received a cheque for \$3,963.95 representing our 2008 fourth quarter funding under this program.

OTHER - NO REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE (Information only)

- **THINK PLASTICS** – Information on the company that picks up our plastic bale wrap
Reeve Demaray reported that he checked out the web-site for Baleboard (product made from reclaimed balewrap) and noted that flower boxes are among the items available, which might be of interest to the Garden Club. Councillor Henhoeffler advised that the flower box project was discussed at a recent meeting, and concerns expressed about the feasibility of proceeding due to pending construction involving the Fordwich and Gorrie bridges, and use of the Wroxeter bridge as a “diving board”. Use of Baleboard product was also suggested for benches at the pool
- **MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY**– This is the notice of the passing of the Zoning By-law Amendment that was circulated to Council in March
- **MUNICIPAL WASTE ASSOCIATION** – Recommendations from Waste Diversion Ontario on Ontario Environment Minister Gerretsen’s request for a five year blue program plan

CLERKS REPORT

The following report as at April 3rd and copies of supporting information were circulated in the Council package:

Accessibility

Huron County Accessibility

The Huron ODA Working Group (municipal representatives) met recently with Huron County Human Resources Director Darcy Michaud, who has taken over in the absence of the Accessibility Co-ordinator, to discuss the AODA legislation and requirements. Mr. Michaud was seeking input regarding the duties and responsibilities of the Co-ordinator position and what the lower tier municipalities expect from the County. The general consensus, from that meeting, is that current and pending Legislation is complex; that as partners in a joint Accessibility Plan, both upper and lower tiers must work together to achieve compliance; and the extent and requirements of the legislation warrants a full-time Co-ordinator, the cost of which will be shared by the lower tiers through the County Levy.

Emergency Management

1. **Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Workshop**

The Middlesex-London Health Unit is hosting the EOC Workshop in London on Tuesday, June 9th (information attached). As CEMC I respectfully request authorization to attend this workshop, along with any other members of the Emergency Control Group who wish to attend.

MOTION #131/09	Moved by Versteeg	Seconded by Yungblut
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes attendance of the following at the ‘Emergency Operations Centre’ (EOC) Workshop being held in London on June 9 th , and agrees to pay the expenses associated with attendance at this workshop: Clerk Johnson; Treasurer Farinha; Reeve Demaray		
		CARRIED

2. **Severe Weather Presentation**

In conjunction with Emergency Preparedness Week, a workshop “Summer Severe Weather – Are You Prepared?” will be presented at Saunders Secondary School in London on May 4th.

Fire Protection & Prevention

1. **Establishment of Howick Fire Department**

Mr. Zimmerman from the Office of the Fire Marshall (OFM) has confirmed that he will be able to attend the Special Council meeting on April 30th to begin the review process to determine out Fire Services needs. Notice of the meeting will be posted at the municipal office and on the Township web-site. Council did not feel it necessary post notice via newspaper ad.

2. **Fire Service Standards**

Some of the publications covering standards for Fire Personnel have been received from the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs. The Fire Chief and Deputy Chief Standards are being revised and will be available in a month or so.

Health And Safety

Perth and Huron Health Units are hosting a workshop “Building a Healthy Workplace” (information attached) in Mitchell on Wed., May 6th. Registration is \$20.00. Two members of our Health & Safety Committee have expressed an interest in attending this workshop.

MOTION #132/09**Moved by Yungblut****Seconded by Scott**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes attendance of the following at the Health and Safety Workshop "Building Healthy Workplaces" being held in Mitchell on May 6th, and agrees to pay the registration fee of \$20.00 for each, and any other expenses associated with their attendance at this workshop: Michele Bennett; Bruce Skillen. CARRIED

Revamping Council Meeting Package

There has been discussion about changing the format of the Council package from a colour-coded, spiral-bound book, to a three-ring binder with page dividers. This would be a cost-saving measure, as coloured paper is more than double the cost of white. A sample binder format was provided for Council's scrutiny and comment, and was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE Requiring Council Action (copies attached)

1. **Councillor Training Session** – AMO has added another date and venue to the training series (information attached). A session will be held in London on May 21st, if anyone is available and wishes to attend.

Reeve Demaray expressed interest in attending if the session covers "Module 5" of the Councillor training programme. The Clerk will find more information for the next meeting.

2. **Installation of Signs on County Roads** – enclosed is the response from the Huron County Director of Public Works regarding our request to have "Avoid Use of Engine Brakes" signs. Mr. Laurie advises that the County will not install the signs, although some municipalities have undertaken to put them up at their own expense.

There was general agreement that the signs would be a good idea, perhaps starting with a few on the highway to see how well it works. It was suggested that other municipalities that have the signs be contacted for cost information, and that it be considered for next year's budget.

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS - none**PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS**

The listing of Accounts Payable for March 17th, 2009 was circulated in the Council package.

MOTION #133/09**Moved by Scott****Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes payment of accounts in the amount of **\$112,917.86** under date April 21, 2009 as cheques #8034 to #8062 inclusive, as presented and discussed at the Regular Council meeting held April 21st, 2009. CARRIED

BY-LAWS**By-Law No. 10-2009 – Adopt Estimates and Set Tax Levies for 2009****MOTION #134/09****Moved by Scott****Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council gives first, second, and third and final reading to By-Law No.10-2009, being a by-law to adopt estimates for sums required during the year 2009 for municipal purposes, and to establish rates of taxation to be levied, and to provide for penalty and interest. CARRIED

By-Law No. 11-2009 – Adopt Estimates and Set Area Rate Tax Levies for 2009**MOTION #135/09****Moved by Scott****Seconded by Henhoeffler**

THAT Howick Township Council gives first, second, and third and final reading to By-Law No.11-2009, being a by-law to adopt estimates for sums required during the year 2009, and for the levying and collecting of taxes for various purposes, and to provide for payment of taxes and for penalty and interest. CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Belmore Community Centre Board**

Councillor Scott reported from the April 20th Board Meeting:

- The Board is researching prices for netting.
- One price quote has been received and awaiting another for overhaul of the compressor.

- Due to a decline of hockey teams and curlers, the Board is considering a shorter ice season – ice will go in late October and come out at the end of March or sooner, which will help cut costs such as hydro.
- Considering submission of an application for an Accessibility Grant for entrance doors.

Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP)

Councillor Henhoeffter reported from the April 8th meeting:

- 11 attended the meeting, with 2 new added, including a representative from the ATV Club
- The Master Training session was held April 4th to train the trainers
- A Master Trainer field training session will be held June 13th
- The electronic speed sign will be coming out May 24th, and will be circulated to various locations throughout the County.
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 13th

County of Huron

Reeve Demaray reported:

- Consultant Nigel Bellchamber will attend on April 27th to present the County Service Review
- Consideration may be given to changing the structure (reducing number) of the Library Board – the last Board meeting, which lasted 25 minutes, was attended by 7 County Council and 6 other representatives.

Huron County Farm and Home Safety

Councillor Versteeg reported that a total of approximately 600 students attended the 2-day Agriculture and Water Festival.

A recent farming accident occurred in Howick Township when an 11-year old got a foot caught in an auger, which resulted in loss of some toes.

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)

The following were circulated in the Council package:

- Minutes of Board Meeting #03/09
- Minutes of Maitland Source Protection Meeting #02/09

Councillor Versteeg reported:

- Expenditure of \$25,000.00 was approved for purchase of higher capacity computer equipment and a generator of the office.
- This year's Foundation Dinner and Auction was very successful with 290 tickets sold.
- Doug Hawking from the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Grants Program gave a presentation – grant money is available for well and septic decommissioning projects in Listowel (\$250,000.) and Atwood (\$90,000.)

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) - no report

MVCA Source Water Protection (SWP) - next meeting in June

SVCA Source Water Protection (SWP) - no report

Wheels Away - next meeting April 27th

Wingham Area Fire

Reeve Demaray and Deputy Reeve Yungblut reported:

- The 2009 budget was passed at the last meeting
- Hanover Dispatch was notified in February of termination of the existing Joint Fire Board at the end of this year, however they are insistent that 1-year's notice is required. They are willing to renew the contract for a 1-year term (normally 2-year).
- The Employer Appreciation Night will be held at the Fire Hall in Wingham on Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 pm. Firefighters are employed by 19 area employers, who will receive a plaque expressing appreciation for their co-operation and support.
- Further information has been obtained about the firm suggested to provide a second appraisal of the Fire Board assets. They will appraise the trucks only, for a fee of \$200.00 per truck. This information will be considered at the next Board Meeting.
- The first Appraiser has visited the Gorrie Station to view and value the vehicles and equipment, and has slightly altered the values of the trucks. They also need to separate the valuations on the small equipment located at each station.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION #136/09

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council at this time (10:03 pm) closes this portion of the April 21st, 2009 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239(2)(a),(b),(c),(d),(e)*, to deal with personal and potential legal matters. **CARRIED**

Matters Discussed in Closed Session

- Minutes of Closed Session held April 7th, 2009 (approved by Resolution #137/09)
- By-Law Enforcement Officer's Report - Property Standards
- Legal Matter – Disposition of Land: Request to sell road allowance

MOTION #138/09

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Versteeg

THAT Howick Township Council now re-opens the April 21st, 2009 Regular Council meeting to the public at this time (10:16 pm). **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Copies included)

a) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

- Alert No. 09/022 – AMO position on Bill 150, Green Energy Act
- Alert No. 09/023 – Canada/Ontario launch intake 2 of Building Canada Fund

b) Ontario Provincial Police – 2009 Spring Seatbelt Campaign underway

c) Huron County Museum & Historic Gaol – 10th Annual Fine Art Show and Sale, July 19/09 – Jan. 2, 2010.

d) Huron County Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Depot – Grand Opening May 6, 2009, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at Hid-Huron Landfill in Holmesville

CORRESPONDENCE forwarded via E-Mail (April 6 - 17, 2009) (No copies attached)

a) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

- Alert No. 09/020 – Energy Minister Extends Deadline for Public Sector Regulated Price Plan Eligibility.

b) South West Local Health Integration Network – Information provided with regards to the South West LHIN Board of Directors meeting to keep Council informed

c) Ontario Good Roads Association – Intake Two of the Communities Component is now available

d) Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks & Treasurers – May/June 2009 Issue of *Municipal Monitor*

e) Municipal World – The May issue of *Municipal World* magazine will soon be in the mail

f) Communities in Bloom Ontario – April 2009 E-News available at www.cibontario.ca

g) Huron Small Business

- Leadership Survival Series for Rural Leaders Program will now begin on Wednesday April 22, 2009. An updated flyer with new dates is provided
- 2009 Better Business Spring Workshops Series-dates and information provided

h) Huron Tourism

- Grand Bend Studio & Gallery Tour Saturday May 2nd 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Little Inn of Bayfield Newsletter
- Horse back riding for Team Building/Corporate Event. Conference room also available
- 16th Annual Hugo's Spring Blossom Trail Ride to benefit the Food Bank
- Huron Country Playhouse Guild presents *An Evening with David Chilton* June 12th at 7:30 pm
- 1st Annual Town Wide Yard and Business Sale Saturday May 9th at 7:00 am.
- Fresh & News April 15th

i) Mark Farinha - Intake 2 Funding

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #139/09

Moved by Henhoeffler

Seconded by Scott

THAT Howick Township Council now adjourns the April 21st, 2009 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council at 10:18 pm, with Council to meet again at the Special Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 30th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair. **CARRIED**

REEVE

CLERK