

TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT THE HOWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Attendance:

Council Members

Max Demaray, Reeve

Linda Henhoeffler, Councillor

Andrea Yungblut, Deputy Reeve

Art Versteeg, Councillor

Staff

Ronna Lee Johnson, Clerk

Wray Wilson, Public Works Co-ordinator

Delegation Rosemary Rognvaldson

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 November 20, 2007 Regular Council Meeting was circulated in the Council package.

MOTION #342/07

Moved by Yungblut

Seconded by Henhoeffler

THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves, as circulated, the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 6th, 2007.

CARRIED

DELEGATION

Rosemary Rognvaldson – Landscaping at Howick Community Centre

Ms. Rognvaldson was in attendance to discuss the removal of snow fencing which had been erected around the landscaped area beside the entrances at the Howick Community Centre. The fencing was erected by the Agricultural Society at the time of the fall fair to protect the newly-landscaped area. In response to complaints about the unsightly appearance of the fencing, and to avoid interference with snow removal, the Facility Supervisor was instructed to remove it.

Ms. Rognvaldson, who was instrumental in the conception, preparation, installation and maintenance of the landscaping (with the assistance of grant funding and volunteers), noted that without the protective barrier it is apparent that facility users have been walking through the area and she expressed concern that the plants will soon be destroyed.

Ms. Rognvaldson provided an analysis of options available for solving the problem, listing the advantages and disadvantages of each. Options include: 1) Leave the area unfenced; 2) Install temporary fencing; 3) Install permanent fencing. Her stated preference is option #1, but it would be necessary to ensure that the south entrance door is always open, or when necessary, clearly mark it “closed” so that patrons do not “short cut” through the landscaped area to get to the west door. Temporary fencing could be easily and inexpensively installed, but may not be visually attractive and would require annual installation, removal and storage. Permanent fencing would be more expensive and would require careful choice of design and installation to be as unobtrusive as possible. Cost estimates for various types of fencing were also provided. Ms. Rognvaldson recommended the fencing be installed along the north and south ends of the landscaped area.

In a letter (copy circulated in Council package) responding to Ms. Rognvaldson’s concerns, Lynne Hunt notes that she had suggested at the time the landscaping was done that a pathway be

added through the garden area which would make it more “kid-friendly”. She feels the simple answer to the problem would be to ensure that the south entrance door is always open. Another concern is that the garden was installed where snow from the entrance sidewalks would normally be piled, and that during the planning more consideration should have been given to practicality and day-to-day operations. As well, surrounding “the rock” with plants and shrubs inhibits the long-held tradition of children playing and climbing on this landmark stone. Ms. Hunt stated her opposition to fencing the area, and suggests that a “keep out of the garden” sign be placed temporarily, until the landscape plan can be re-addressed. She commended the volunteers for their efforts, and feels that there simply needs to be a few adjustments to the layout.

During discussion, Council agreed that the landscaping is a pleasing addition to the facility and needs to be protected and preserved. It was decided that the most effective solution would be the erection of a permanent, aesthetically-pleasing type of fencing at the north and south ends of the area. This will be installed early next spring, since the area is now snow-covered and traffic should not be a problem. If needed, temporary barriers will be erected to prevent people from walking through the garden, and signage will be posted at the south door during times when it is necessary to have it locked (during certain events it is necessary to close that access and channel patrons through one entrance). It was generally agreed that since “the rock” has been set upright and is now a monument bearing an inscription and flag, it should not be used for playing and climbing.

Ms. Rognvaldson also included in her report suggestions for “Further enhancement of the Community Centre”, including: 1) The blue spruce tree be decorated with Christmas lights; 2) The “Stone” and the spruce tree be floodlit. Lights would be on a timer operating 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Volunteers have expressed a willingness to pay for the equipment, and the Township would pay for the hydro.

All Council members were in agreement with the above plans.

A Financial Statement for the landscaping project was also provided by Ms. Rognvaldson. She asked Council if they would consider donating the cost of machine time and labour provided by the Township’s Public Works department. PWC Wilson advised that the amount is \$202.15.

MOTION #343/07	Moved by Versteeg	Seconded by Yungblut
THAT Howick Township Council agrees to donate the cost of machine time and labour charged to the landscaping project at the Howick Community Centre.		CARRIED

Ms. Rognvaldson thanked Council for their time and consideration, and she left the meeting at this time.

COUNCILLOR’S ISSUES

Snowplowing Complaints

Councillor Henhoeffler and other members of Council and staff reported receiving telephone calls at home during the weekend from residents making enquiries or lodging complaints about the snowplowing of roads. Ms. Henhoeffler requested direction as to how to respond or to whom such calls should be directed.

PWC Wilson advised that winter road maintenance is performed according to provincial “*Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways*”, and that Howick Township consistently exceeds the stipulated standards. The standards are based on “*Road Classification*” which is determined by ‘*annual average daily traffic*’ and ‘*posted or statutory speed limit*’. The road classification establishes the amount and frequency of the various types of maintenance required. For example, in Howick Township most roads are either Class 4 or 5. A Class 5 road would have traffic of 50 to 199 vehicles at a speed limit of 50 km. The “*snow accumulation*” standard for a Class 5 road is a depth of 10 cm (4”) with a 24-hour timeframe for removal. He noted that Howick’s general process is to plow the paved roads at 5:00 am, and the rest of the roads at 7:00 am. Last weekend, all roads were plowed as usual with the exception of the dead-end streets in villages, as snow accumulation was minimal and traffic volume on those streets is low. Mr. Wilson advised that he will provide each member of Council with a copy of the “Maintenance Standards” to enable them to answer callers’ questions. It was noted that the Township often gets calls about County roads. When a call or complaint is received it is necessary to first clarify whether or not it concerns a Township road.

MOTION #345/07**Moved by Versteeg****Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council, under authority of By-Law No. 40-1995 (*Road Maintenance Quality Standard for Winter Operations*) hereby declares that the following road is designated as a seasonal road, which by definition per By-Law 40-1995 means not receiving winter maintenance:

South 200 metres of Quarry Line north of 'C' Line Road

CARRIED

BUILDING - NO REPORT**DRAINAGE****Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

At this time, Councillor Versteeg declared a conflict of pecuniary interest regarding the next item on the agenda, as this municipal drain affects his property.

BRANCH "D", BOLTON MUNICIPAL DRAIN IMPROVEMENT REPORT

We received the enclosed correspondence regarding this project from Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) along with an Invoice for \$150.00. Since we have received a Report from MVCA, Council can now appoint an Engineer for the project.

MOTION #346/07**Moved by Henhoeffler****Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby appoints the firm of RJ Burnside and Associates, Wingham, as Engineer for the Bolton Municipal Drain Branch 'D' Improvement project.

CARRIED

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - NO REPORT**LANDFILL****MINISTRY OF THE ENVIROMENT (MOE) INSPECTION**

The enclosed letter, outlining remedial actions to be undertaken at the Landfill Site, was faxed and mailed to the Ministry last week. Also included is the list of "Action" items and the reference to storage of tires if there are more than 5,000 on site. Unfortunately, we still have more than 5,000 tires piled at the landfill site. Jeff MacPhatter, the tire removal contractor, estimates there are still between 180 and 200 tons there after removing 228.73 tons last week at a total cost of \$41,171.40. Does Council wish to authorize spending up to \$36,000.00 to get rid of them, or do we spend between \$6,000 - \$10,000.00 to bring the tire storage area into compliance and still have the tires to remove sometime in the future? We have \$41,440.00 in a Landfill Equipment reserve account.

MOTION #347/07**Moved by Versteeg****Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Public Works Co-ordinator to contract for the removal of sufficient tires from the Howick Landfill site to reduce the numbers to under 5,000 tires in order to bring the tire storage area into compliance with Ministry of Environment regulations. CARRIED

TREE TOPS

When Bester Forest Products purchased the logs from the landfill site, they also purchased the tops. The logs and tops were to be removed by the end of November. Mr. Bester advised me that he is not interested in these tops since they are mostly soft maple. A Howick resident would like to take them out but is not willing to buy them. He would also like permission from the Township to remove tops from a property south of the landfill and bring them through to the open area in the landfill to cut. Is Council interested in selling them and if so should they be advertised? Discussion focused on inherent liability issues. It was decided that since the material has no monetary value, there would be an ecological benefit to leave them to decompose.

OTHER**TRANFERS TO / FROM RESERVE ACCOUNTS**

Deputy Treasurer Weishar advised that the Auditors will be here next week to begin the 2007 audit process. Any necessary transfer amounts may be identified at that time and a list prepared for next Council meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE - copies enclosed

- Ontario Good Roads Association - "Board Brief"- Notes from the November 16, 2007 Board of Directors meeting.
- Ontario Good Roads Association – "Heads UP Alert" Information regarding a recommended Municipal Protocol to deal with the recently amended Hours of Service. This may be beneficial

if the road managers in Huron County looked at this issue collectively and came up with the same or similar protocols. Mr. Wilson will take the information to the next Huron County Road Supervisors meeting.

- Ontario Good Roads Association - Report from the Nominating Committee
- Ontario Good Roads Association - Conference information

RECREATION REPORT – NO REPORT

TREASURY REPORT

The following report prepared by Deputy Treasurer Weishar was circulated in the Council package:

FCC Agri-Spirit Funding for Pool

We received notice this week that we were unsuccessful in obtaining grant money. No reasons are specified, but we are welcome to apply again.

West Nile Grant

We received a grant from the County in the Amount of \$3000.00 to help recover costs related to preventative measures taken to reduce stagnant water areas, mainly at the landfill.

OMPF funding

We received our OMPF funding this fall in the amount of \$281,557.00

Property Assessment Adjustments

Enclosed is a list of Tax Write-offs, Supplemental and Omitted Assessments to be processed immediately. As we are required to give 21 days from the time of billing to due date, I am recommending one due date of December 28th 2007.

MOTION #348/07	Moved by Henhoeffer	Seconded by Yungblut	
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Deputy Treasurer to apply revisions to the assessment of and process property tax adjustments for the affected properties, as listed on the Schedule 'A' attached hereto, said schedule reflecting assessment changes as follows:			
<u>Minutes of Settlement/ Supplemental/Omitted</u>		<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Additions</u>
For the year 2006		\$127,341.00	\$248,300.00
For the year 2007		\$ --0--	\$566,000.00
Net change: Addition \$686,959.00			CARRIED

Energy Management Software Pilot Program

Enclosed is an e-mail received from the LAS Program, for your comments. The software will allow members to benchmark and compare performance, measure and verify savings from energy conservation projects, and reduce operational costs. LAS is seeking participation of the municipalities involved in the LAS energy program to participate in this Pilot project by either providing a member to join the Implementation Committee or providing access to two years of energy billing data.

It was decided that we are unable to provide a Committee member, and Clerk Johnson noted that as a member of the LAS Electricity Procurement Pool, our billing data should already be available. Clerk Johnson will try to get more information to clarify what other data is needed.

CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk's report as at November 30th and copies of related information were circulated in the Council package:

Emergency Management (EM)

- CEMC Training** – Thank you for the opportunity to attend the 3½ day training course. I am pleased to advise that I successfully completed the course.
- Completion of 'Essential Level' Program** – The EM Program Committee should meet as soon as possible to: i) review and revise the EM Plan and the EM Program By-Law; ii) review the Critical Infrastructure Identification and Community Risk Profile; iii) review the program to ensure all components have been completed, which must be done by year-end in order to be compliant. (see attached letter from Commissioner of Community Safety).
The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers on Monday, December 10th at 10:00 am.

Municipal Fire Protection & Prevention

Chief Gaunt has provided a 'Smoke Alarm Policy & Home Escape Planning' program (copy enclosed separately) which we are required to adopt in order to comply with the program prescribed by the Fire Marshall's Office. A by-law has been prepared to adopt the program.

Huron County Joint Accessibility Plan

The Joint Accessibility Plan for 2006-2007 has now been received from the County. Enclosed is a copy of the 'Municipal Operational Review' for Howick Township. The full Plan is available for review. A resolution is required to adopt the 2006-2007 Plan.

MOTION #349/07	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Henhoeffter
THAT Howick Township Council hereby receives and adopts the County of Huron "Joint Accessibility Plan" for the year 2006-2007.		
		CARRIED

Huron County Library – Howick Branch

- a) County Librarian Beth Ross has forwarded a copy of 'Summary of the Huron County Library Board Tour' which took place September 13, 2007. Enclosed is an excerpt from the Report detailing information about the Howick Branch. (full Report is available for review)
- b) In her letter accompanying the above Report, Ms. Ross notes that "the Library Board will work with the Municipality to enhance exterior signage at the Library". A quote has been received (copy enclosed) for the installation of lettering at the facility to add "& LIBRARY". A copy of the quote was forwarded to Ms. Ross, with a request for clarification as to whether the County would share the cost. She agrees they will, and instructed that we send a bill when the work is complete. A resolution is required to accept the quote.

MOTION #350/07	Moved by Henhoeffter	Seconded by Yungblut
THAT Howick Township Council hereby accepts the quotation of Clarkson Sign & Design for the installation of lettering "& LIBRARY" on the signage at the Howick Community Centre at the quoted price of \$450.00 plus applicable taxes.		
		CARRIED

In further discussion regarding the County Library system, Deputy Reeve Yungblut asked why local library workers are required to travel to and work at other branches every week, and are paid mileage to do so at an estimated monthly cost of up to \$1,000.00. Reeve Demaray will attempt to get an answer to that question at the next meeting of the Library Committee.

Smart Serve Training

A list has been compiled of those who took the Smart Serve Course offered by the Wroxeter Hall Board. For future reference, these names have been added to the list of Howick's Local Board members who took the training last year.

A total of 33 people attended the training, 25 of whom were Wroxeter residents who successfully completed the course. The remaining 8 persons were from Lucknow. As previously directed by Council, the Township will absorb the cost of the course for the Howick residents. A resolution is required to authorize payment of the \$625.00 cost of 25 Smart Serve kits. It was my understanding that the cost for the 8 Lucknow people is to be billed to and paid by the Wroxeter Hall Board, which will then be responsible for recovering the costs from those individuals. Council confirmed that was the intention..

MOTION #351/07	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Versteeg
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Deputy Treasurer to pay the cost of \$625.00 for 25 Wroxeter residents who completed the "Smart Serve" training course in 2007.		
		CARRIED

Organizational Review

Interviews were conducted with Council and staff during the past week but have not yet been completed. The consultant will analyze the input and compile a report to present to Council.

2008 Council Meeting & Statutory Holiday Schedules

Proposed schedules are enclosed for review. If dates can be established at this meeting, a by-law will be prepared for the next meeting to adopt the schedules. Clerk Johnson pointed out that the dates for meetings in April, 2008 have been changed to accommodate the March tax due date. Since the Good Friday / Easter Monday holiday weekend falls on March 21st, 2008 it is necessary to move the due date for tax payments to March 28th. This then conflicts with the preparations for Council meeting, which can be remedied by changing the April meetings to the second and fourth Tuesdays (April 8th and April 22nd). Council agreed with the change. Errors in the dates for the March, 2008 meetings were noted and will be corrected.

Municipal Property Assessment Corp (MPAC)

A presentation is to be held in St. Paul's Station on December 6th to report on the findings of a post-election survey conducted by AMCTO, to discuss on-going enumeration issues, and to conduct a survey on various aspects of the enumeration process. I respectfully request Council's authorization to attend this session (copy of letter from Chuck Egner enclosed).

MOTION #352/07 **Moved by Yungblut** **Seconded by Henhoeffer**
THAT Howick Township Council authorizes Clerk Johnson to attend the MPAC Enumeration Presentation being held at St. Paul's on December 6th, 2007, and agrees to pay the costs associated with attendance at this event. CARRIED

Huron County Clerks & Treasurers Association

Enclosed is the agenda for the upcoming regular meeting and Christmas Social for the Association being held in Goderich on December 14th. May we have Council's authorization for the Clerk to attend.

MOTION #353/07 **Moved by Yungblut** **Seconded by Henhoeffer**
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the following staff members to attend the Huron County Clerks and Treasurers Association December meeting and Christmas Social being held in Goderich on December 14th, and agrees to pay the costs associated with attendance at this event: Clerk Johnson. CARRIED

Closed Session

- Minutes of the closed sessions held November 6th
- By-Law Enforcement Officer's reports

CORRESPONDENCE Requiring Council Action

1. **Sean McCann** – request to purchase the old skate sharpener at the Howick arena. The Recreation/Facilities Supervisor has advised that Mr. McCann's offer is more than fair.

MOTION #354/07 **Moved by Henhoeffer** **Seconded by Yungblut**
THAT Howick Township Council hereby agrees to sell the unused skate sharpening machine located at the Howick Community Centre, and accepts the offer to purchase from seasonal employee Sean McCann at the price of \$75.00. CARRIED

ADDENDA

2. **Fordwich & Community Parks Association** – letter requesting that Council reduce the rental fee for use of the Howick Community Centre auditorium for the Christmas Dinner and Dance being held on December 8th, 2007.
It was noted during discussion that it would not be prudent to set such a precedent. Although the Board was allowed a reduction of the rental last year when they volunteered to assume responsibility for hosting the Christmas party, it was not intended that it be a perpetual allowance. It was agreed that a lesser reduction will be granted this year, with a view to resuming payment of the full rate in future.

MOTION #355/07 **Moved by Versteeg** **Seconded by Yungblut**
THAT Howick Township Council authorizes a reduction of the rental rate for the use of the Howick Community Centre auditorium by the Fordwich Community Parks Association for the Christmas Dinner and Dance being held on Dec. 8, 2007, the fee charged to be \$250.00. CARRIED

3. **Weishar Family** – thank you for memorial donation on the passing of Ralph Weishar, brother-in-law of Deputy Treasurer Brenda Weishar.

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS

1. **Caledon, Town of** – requesting the province to increase fees and royalties charged to aggregate operators, and to use the additional revenue to provide MNR with resources to ensure adequate enforcement of the industry. Noted and discussed. Action: File
2. **Elizabethtown-Kitley, Township of** – requesting that the Ontario Fire Marshall (OFM) pay the costs associated with training and workshops relating to OFM new fire safety legislation.

MOTION #356/07**Moved by Versteeg****Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council received and discussed at this meeting the resolution from the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley requesting that the Ontario Fire Marshall pay the costs associated with training and workshops relating to OFM new fire safety legislation, and Howick Council hereby resolves to SUPPORT the resolution from the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley. CARRIED

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

The listing of Accounts Payable for December 4th was circulated in the Council package.

MOTION #357/07**Moved by Versteeg****Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes payment of accounts in the amount of **\$660,189.76** under date December 4th, 2007 as cheques #6360 to #6419 inclusive, as presented and discussed at the Regular Council meeting held December 4, 2007. CARRIED

BY-LAWS**By-Law No. 38-2007 – Smoke Alarm & Home Escape Planning Programs****MOTION #358/07****Moved by Yungblut****Seconded by Henhoeffler**

THAT Howick Township Council gives first, second, and third and final reading to By-Law No. 38-2007, being a by-law to adopt a 'Smoke Alarm Program and Home Escape Planning Program' for the Township of Howick. CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Belmore Community Centre Board - No report

County of Huron - Reeve Demaray reported:

- A new Warden will be chosen tomorrow (Dec. 5th)
- New Committees will be established tomorrow as well
- A motion to revise the County Committee structure that would have all Councillors attend all committee meetings was endorsed at Committee level, but defeated by Council as a whole.

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)

Minutes of MVCA Board Meeting #10/07 and Board Hearing #09/07 were circulated in the Council package.

Councillor Versteeg reported from the November meeting:

- Discussion occurred regarding the decommissioning of old/abandoned wells. Councillor Versteeg asked CBO Wilson if anything in Building regulations relating to demolition permits that might address the issue of old wells. Mr. Wilson reported that there is not, adding that demolition permits are no longer required for removal of farm buildings – the farmer must report such activity directly to the Assessment Office.
- A preliminary budget has been set for 2008 with a proposed 8% increase. This will be year three of the 5-year plan for increasing funding locally in the wake of provincial funding cuts.
- Capital items in the budget include repairs to the roof of the Gorrie Mill, and major repairs on the Gorrie dam. Mr. Versteeg cautioned that proposed Ministry of Natural Resources policies to be introduced next year may preclude capital expenditures which do not provide any value for conservation purposes, and it is expected these policies will recommend the removal of many dams. In that case, the municipality would be required to pay 100% of the cost of repairs.

Road Watch Huron

A draft of Minutes of the October 10th meeting were circulated in the Council package.

Councillor Henhoeffler reported from the November meeting:

- Ads alerting the public about deer collisions have been in the media recently.
- The Road Watch Evaluation is not yet complete – expect it to be done in June, 2008.
- The electronic speed recording sign has been located, and in future will be stored at the OPP office in Clinton. There was a suggestion that it be brought to Howick next spring for use on County Road 87 at the curve on the east side of Wroxeter.
- The next meeting will be held in January in Seaforth.

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) – No report

Source Water Protection

MVCA - Minutes of SP Meeting #2/07 were circulated in the Council package.

SVCA - no report

Wheels Away – No report

ADDENDUM - A letter dated November 29, 2007 from Chair Lana McKague describes the new 55+ service expansion.

Wingham Area Fire Board

Reeve Demaray reported that the next Board Meeting is scheduled for next week, but may be postponed as Murray Scott is in hospital.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION #359/07

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Henhoeffter

THAT Howick Township Council at this time (9:55 pm) closes this portion of the December 4th, 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 in Closed Session

- Minutes of Closed Session held November 6th, 2007 (approved by motion #360/07)
- By-Law Enforcement Officer's reports.

MOTION #361/07

Moved by Yungblut

Seconded by Versteeg

THAT Howick Township Council now re-opens the December 4th, 2007 Regular Council meeting to the public at this time (10:12 pm). CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a. **Human Resources & Social Development Canada** – inviting nominations for the 2008 Therese Casgrain Volunteer Award.
- b. **Federal NDP Caucus** – Layton calls for Harper government to invest in cities to close prosperity gap for homeowners.
- c. **Ministry of Citizenship & Immigration** – inviting nominations for provincial Volunteer Awards.
- d. **Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing** – letter of introduction from new Minister, Jim Watson, and outline of ongoing initiatives.
- e. **Ontario HealthForce** – announcing new Marketing and Recruitment Agency
- f. **Ontario Heritage Trust** – information about the “Doors Open Ontario” program
- g. **Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**
 - i. details about non-refundable cancellation fee for hotel rooms for 2008 AMO conference.
 - ii. OMERS: *One Year Later* – report on AMO's Sponsorship role.
- h. **Farm Credit Canada** – advising Howick Optimist Club that no AgriSpirit Funding will be forthcoming this year (for the pool project).
- i. **South West Community Care Access** – News Bulletin, Vol 1, Issue 3, Nov. 2007
- j. **Huron-Perth Children's Aid Society** – creating ‘Mission’ ‘Vision’ and ‘Values’ statements
- k. **Huron County**
 - i. **Planning & Development** – conducting a study to assess feasibility of establishing wind generator on County property in Clinton
 - ii. **Downtown Revitalization Co-ordinator** – seeking a cross-section of representatives from across the County to attend a conference in Boston in June, 2008
- l. **Huron Business Development Corp**
 - i. Better Business Seminar – ‘Your Year End’ – in Seaforth on Dec. 6th at 7:00 pm
 - ii. Business & Work in Huron County Newsletter, Nov. 2007
- m. **Huron Tourism**
 - i. **Goderich Little Theatre** – presenting “Little Women” at The Livery, Dec. 7-15
 - ii. **Goderich Co-op Gallery** – Artist Madeleine Roske exhibit “Flight Zone”
 - iii. **Building /Communities Through Arts & Heritage** – funding programs available

