

**TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 14th, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.**  
**AT THE HOWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

**Council Members**

Max Demaray, Reeve (arrived at 7:15 pm)  
Linda Henhoeffler, 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

**Delegation**

Paul Seebach, Senior Partner, Vodden, Bender & Seebach, Township Auditors

**Others**

William Rognvaldson; Al Leach; Bob Clarkson; Jean Clarkson; Lovina Ruttan; Ruth Harding

**CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Reeve Yungblut called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

The Deputy 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 Regular Council Meeting held June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Public Meeting to consider an application for Plan of Condominium, and the Court of Revision for the Bolton Municipal Drain 2009 project, were circulated in the Council package.

<b>MOTION #212/09</b>	<b>Moved by Scott</b>	<b>Seconded by Versteeg</b>
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2009, as circulated.		
		CARRIED

<b>MOTION #213/09</b>	<b>Moved by Scott</b>	<b>Seconded by Henhoeffler</b>
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Public Meeting to consider an application for Zoning Amendment (Brubacher) held on Tuesday, June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2009, as circulated.		
		CARRIED

<b>MOTION #214/09</b>	<b>Moved by Henhoeffler</b>	<b>Seconded by Versteeg</b>
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2009, as circulated.		
		CARRIED

**DELEGATION**

**1. Paul Seebach, Senior Partner, Vodden, Bender & Seebach, Township Auditors**

Treasurer Farinha introduced Mr. Seebach, and advised that copies of the 2008 Financial Statements were included in the Council package for reference.

Mr. Seebach prefaced his review of the statements, firstly, expressing appreciation for the opportunity to provide audit services to the Township, and adding that the first year auditing a new client is always difficult, causing a good deal of disruption to staff, but he found Howick staff most co-operative, providing information as requested. The financial records were complete and few journal entries were required.

He advised that 2008 is the final year for this format of municipal financial reporting, as 2009 will see the implementation of 'Tangible Capital Assets' accounting.

Mr. Seebach lead Council through a page by page review of the Auditor's Report and the Consolidated Financial Statements, giving explanatory comments.

Responding to a question about Howick's operations compared to other municipalities and if there are any issues that need to be addressed, Mr. Seebach noted that part of the audit process is to observe the internal financial controls, and they were happy with what they found in that regard. Operation of Howick's local boards is different from others, but the controls are acceptable. He noted that if any concerns had been noted, an auditor's "management letter" would be directed to Council outlining the issues, but none were identified during this audit.

<b>MOTION #215/09</b>	<b>Moved by Versteeg</b>	<b>Seconded by Scott</b>
THAT Howick Township Council hereby receives and accepts as presented the Financial Statements of the Corporation of the Township of Howick for the year 2008 prepared by the Township's audit firm of Vodden, Bender & Seebach, Chartered Accountants.		
		CARRIED

Reeve Demaray thanked Mr. Seebach for his presentation, and Mr. Seebach left the meeting at this time (7:18 pm).

## **2. Bill Doig, Howick Fire Chief (CLOSED SESSION)**

<b>MOTION #216/09</b>	<b>Moved by Yungblut</b>	<b>Seconded by Versteeg</b>
THAT Howick Township Council at this time (7:20 pm) closes this portion of the July 14th, 2009 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council in accordance with the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239(2)(a),(b),(c),(d),(e)</i> , to deal with personal and legal matters.		
		CARRIED

Matters discussed in closed session: Terms of Employment and Remuneration

<b>MOTION #217/09</b>	<b>Moved by Versteeg</b>	<b>Seconded by Henhoeffter</b>
THAT Howick Township Council now re-opens the July 14th, 2009 Regular Council meeting to the public at this time (8:08 pm).		
		CARRIED

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

### **OSIFA Refinancing- Request for Proposal**

This was sent out May 25<sup>th</sup> to the following banks:

- |                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| -Scotia Bank      | -CIBC                    |
| -Bank of Montreal | -HSBC Bank of Canada     |
| -Td Canada Trust  | -National Bank of Canada |
| -Laurentian Bank  | -Royal bank of Canada    |

The return date for proposals was June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Scotia Bank, TD and HSBC replied advising they would not bid. The Royal Bank seemed interested and indicated they would be in contact with a proposal but then I never heard from them again. All the others except CIBC did not respond at all.

Generally these bankers are only interested in submitting a proposal if they have a full business arrangement with Howick. This sentiment is reflected in some of the correspondence attached. As well, due to fluctuations in the market the rate quoted is generally not the rate applied when the deal closes. It could be higher.

CIBC, our banker, was the only bank to submit a proposal. Before CIBC bid, they locked in a rate of 3.91% for a 5 year term amortized over 15 years. If the rate declines by drawdown date we will get the lower rate in effect at that time. If the rate goes up, then the locked in rate of 3.91% is guaranteed. Our existing interest rate is 5.11%. Under the CIBC proposal we will pay out \$4k more per year toward the principal. However, the bank estimates we will save \$200K in interest costs and reduce our period of indebtedness by 2.5 years.

I recommend we accept the 5 year term at 3.91% amortized over the 15 year period. This rate is good only until July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

Treasurer Farinha predicted that interest rates will not increase significantly during the next 5 years, and added that after the initial 5-year term, the loan may be renewed, or, if interest rates have increased, the loan could be paid off without penalty. Councillor Henhoeffter disagreed with Treasurer Farinha, and felt that interest rates will be higher in 5 years. Weighing the cost of the penalty paid to OSIFA and the high cost of interest paid during the first 5 years, she questioned the feasibility of refinancing the loan. Councillor Versteeg countered that were it not for other fiscal commitments (ie. fire department; construction projects, etc) he would be in favour of paying off the loan as soon as possible. Treasurer Farinha noted that it is good

business to take advantage of low interest rates when the opportunity arises. In the meantime, the municipality can build reserves over the next 5 years in anticipation of a payout.

Treasurer Farinha advised that a by-law has been prepared to authorize the borrowing, and will be dealt with later in the meeting (see Clerk's Report – By-Laws).

### **Gough Road Bridge - Intake 2 funding**

Correspondence attached from the BCF-CC Joint Secretariat informing us funding was not approved for this project. Treasurer Farinha added that approval was received for 3 other projects under this program, as well as for projects under the Recreation Infrastructure (RInC) program.

### **Municipal Tax Administration Program**

Deputy Treasurer Brenda Weisharaced Unit 1 with an "A" Grade. Congratulations to Brenda. Study for Units 2 and 3 is planned for September 2009 and January 2010 respectively.

### **Infrastructure Funding**

Correspondence received from FCM re. Infrastructure Funding is attached. A summary of the important points are:

- It is taking about 4 months to flow funds to projects across Canada.
- Some of our biggest cities have not yet received the green light for their projects.
- Do Municipalities have formal authorization to tender projects? The Federal public announcement by the Minister may be considered authorization.
- Is March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 an unreasonable deadline for flow of funds? Yes, this seems to be the consensus. The Government has agreed to pay its share for costs incurred to April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

### **Landscaping Library Area of Howick Community Centre**

Correspondence is attached from Councillor Henhoeffter, Chair of the 'Howick Bloomers' inviting Council to join the Bloomers as a partner in this project (extend sidewalk to north). The estimated cost for the sidewalk is \$925. There may be additional costs for asphalt, a bench, flowers and other landscaping materials.

Councillor Henhoeffter described details of the project and answered questions.

#### **MOTION #218/09**

**Moved by Scott**

**Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT we support the 12' x 26' piece of sidewalk in front of Library at Howick Community Centre up to \$1,000.00, and money [to come from] land reserve.

**CARRIED**

### **PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS**

The listing of Accounts Payable was circulated in the Council package.

#### **MOTION #219/09**

**Moved by Scott**

**Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes payment of accounts in the amount of **\$110,482.44** under date July 14, 2009 as cheques #8269 to #8315 inclusive, as presented and discussed at the Regular Council meeting held July 14th, 2009.

**CARRIED**

### **PUBLIC WORKS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT**

The following report as at July 10<sup>th</sup> and related information were circulated in the Council package:

#### **PUBLIC WORKS STAFF OPERATIONS**

- Painting of snow plow equipment complete
- First round of grass cutting complete
- Stump grinding and lawn repair complete
- Reconstruction of Malcolm Line between Orange Hill and Salem Roads should be finished tomorrow

#### **GOUGH & SPENCETOWN ROAD CONSTRUCTION**

Gamsby & Mannerow will start the survey next week on Gough & Spencetown Roads. Naylor Engineering will conduct geotechnical investigation the week of July 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **MUNICIPAL GARAGE ADDITION**

Nelson Dawley, from Dawley Engineering was down two weeks ago to discuss ideas for this addition. I sent Nelson a message today asking for an update but I haven't heard back from him.

**FORDWICH STREET CONSTRUCTION**

Work is progressing well although the contractor is behind due to wet weather at the start, excessive ground water in the storm sewer trenches and problems getting cable locates. They should pickup the pace a bit now because they have two crews on site. There are no major complaints; the odd call regarding dust. He added that they can't put calcium down and watering the road doesn't last long. The sewer lines are almost done, and they have started on curbs and gutters. Once that is done, the first lift of asphalt will go down.

**BUILDING**

**BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT**

Deputy Treasurer Weishar prepared the enclosed report on construction activity to date:

<u>Permits Issued</u>	<u>Value of Construction</u>	<u>Fees Collected</u>
38 Building Permits	\$1,855,300.	\$11,720.96
7 Septic System Permits	\$ 60,000.	\$ 1,925.00

PWC Wilson added that there has been a steady flow of applications coming in, and that low interest rates are probably contributing to the continued building activity.

**DRAINAGE**

**BOLTON MUNICIPAL DRAIN**

The contract has now been signed by all parties. Marquardt Farm Drainage plan to begin work early in August. Huron County are sending requests for quotations this week for the work on the culvert under County Road # 30. Their portion of the work will be done first.

**TILE DRAIN LOAN**

An application was provided for a Tile Drain Loan in the amount of \$12,400.00, for Lot 10, Concessions 1 and 2. I would recommend approving the application, subject to funding from OMAFRA.

**MOTION #220/09**                      **Moved by Yungblut**                      **Seconded by Scott**  
 THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the application for Tile Drainage Loan in the amount of \$12,400.00 for drainage works on Lot 10, Concession 1, and Lot 10, Concession 2, Township of Howick, said approval subject to availability of funding from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. CARRIED

**MUNICIPAL DRAIN ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT**

An agreement for the Mahood Municipal Drain was a condition of the severance for Wm. Bennett and Sons Farms Ltd., on Lot 13, Concession 12. A copy of this agreement is enclosed. This split appears to be fair and I would recommend acceptance.

**MOTION #221/09**                      **Moved by Versteeg**                      **Seconded by Yungblut**  
 WHEREAS a parcel of land in the Township of Howick described as Lot 13, Concession 12, having been assessed as one parcel in the Assessment Schedule contained in By-Law No. 4-1978 for the Mahood Municipal Drain, and said parcel having subsequently been sub-divided such that it now consists of 2 separate parcels,  
 AND WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 65(6) of the *Drainage Act, 1990*, the owners of the sub-divided parcel have mutually agreed to share the drainage assessment as follows:

<u>Part of Property</u>	<u>Roll No.</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Present Owner</u>	<u>% of Assessment</u>
N/E Part	Part 12-12	25 acres	Wm. Bennett & Sons Farms	25%
West Part	Part 12-12	75 acres	Wm. Bennett & Sons Farms	75%

NOW THEREFORE Howick Township Council hereby accepts the above drainage assessments. CARRIED

**MVCA AND FISHERIES & OCEANS CANADA (DFO)**

Again this year DFO have extended the class authorization for maintenance work on Municipal Drains. Information is enclosed.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT** - NO REPORT

**LANDFILL**

**USED TIRE PLAN**

The Used Tire Plan will be implemented on September 1, 2009. If Howick Township wants to participate in this program, we need to register with the Ontario Tire Stewardship. Information is provided from AMO.

PWC Wilson pointed out that the municipality must:

- amend the Fees & Charges by-law to remove the fee for tire collection;
- register with Ontario Tire Stewardship as a collector and/or generator;
- have all tires that have been charged a fee removed from the site.

Mr. Wilson added that a contractor is booked to pick up all tires at the site in late August.

**MOTION #222/09**

**Moved by Versteeg**

**Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the participation of Howick Township in the Ontario Tire Stewardship "Used Tire Plan" being implemented on September 1, 2009, and hereby instructs the Public Works Co-ordinator to register the municipality as a Collector and/or Generator with Ontario Tire Stewardship.

CARRIED

**GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP**

The Contract with Waste Management (WM) had an extension pricing provision that was equal to the Consumer Price Index from April to April each year. This year that amounts to .4% based on the information received from WM. Last year it was 1.7%. I would recommend acceptance of this price increase.

**MOTION #223/09**

**Moved by Scott**

**Seconded by Henhoeffer**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby accepts and authorizes payment of a fee increase of 0.4% effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 to Waste Management of Canada Corporation (the Contractor), in accordance with Section 2 of the Agreement between the Contractor and the Township authorized by By-Law No. 06-2005.

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE** (Information only)

- Ontario Good Roads Association – Highlights of the Board Meeting
- OMAFRA – Information on proposed amendments to the General Nutrient Management Regulation

**CLERKS REPORT**

The following report as at July 10th and copies of supporting information were circulated in the Council package:

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**PRISM-911**

A supply of PRISM-911 data collection forms (sample attached) was delivered to the office last week from the County with instructions to send the forms out with our tax bill mailing. We had previously advised the County of the drawbacks associated with this method of distribution, but apparently this information fell on deaf ears. We are concerned that:

- a) because only property owners, not all residents, receive a tax bill, many will not get the form (there is no direction on the form for property owners to ensure that their tenants receive the information);
- b) owners that have taxes paid by their mortgage company, do not receive their tax bill until Nov.;
- c) no provisions have been made to accommodate our Mennonite population.

Staff feels that a different method of distribution is necessary to ensure that all residents are contacted. As well, it was my understanding that the County would conduct a comprehensive "public awareness" campaign to inform everyone about the importance of PRISM-911. It would seem appropriate to have this done prior to sending out the data collection forms, since there is little in the way of information provided on the form.

It appears that the municipality will be paying the costs for distribution of the forms, so Council's comments and recommendations would be appreciated.

The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Lew, County EMS Co-ordinator, to get more information regarding a public awareness initiative, and Reeve Demaray will raise the issue at County Council that the costs of distribution should be borne by the County.

**HOWICK FIRE SERVICES**

**'Public Education' Training Course**

The attached information concerning the above training course has been forwarded to Chief Doig and Deputy Edgar. The cost of the course is \$65.00. Would Council be agreeable to authorize their attendance if they are available and willing to attend?

**MOTION #224/09****Moved by Versteeg****Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the attendance of Fire Chief Bill Doig and Deputy Chief Dale Edgar at the 'Public Education' training course at the Ontario Fire College and agrees to pay the registration fee of \$65.00 for each, and any other costs associated with their attendance at this training.

**CARRIED****MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL POLICY****Smart Serve Training**

Mr. Skillen has now received the new and revised Trainer information and training kits for the Smart Serve Course and has tentatively set Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Howick Community Centre Auditorium to hold a training session. Mr. Skillen has spoken with Jim Nelemans about conducting the course, as he has more experience doing these presentations. Mr. Skillen has asked that Council consider some compensation for Mr. Nelemans (ie. flat fee and/or a per-person fee) in consideration for his time and travel. Notices will be sent out informing the relevant local Boards of the date, inviting Board members and volunteers to attend, and advising that the Township will pay the costs.

Council advised that this matter be discussed further with Mr. Skillen, and be raised again at the next Council meeting for a decision.

**CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION**

1. **Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing** – Preliminary information about the 2009 Ontario West Municipal Conference Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> in London. Registration is not yet open, but it is recommended that hotel reservations be made as soon as possible. Reeve Demaray and Treasurer Farinha expressed interest in attending, and the Clerk was instructed to reserve two rooms.

2. **Canadian Union of Postal Workers**

- Report of Canada Post '*Key Recommendations affecting Rural and Small Communities*';
- Request that Municipal Councils pass a resolution (sample attached) requesting the Federal Government to preserve public postal service and jobs;
- Petition to House of Commons call on the Government to maintain the moratorium on post office closures and withdraw legislation to legalize remailers.

**MOTION #225/09****Moved by Scott****Seconded by Yungblut**

WHEREAS the report of Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review (CPCSR) recommends that the current moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns be replaced with a mechanism involving new rules and procedures, including the ability to replace public post offices with private outlets

AND WHEREAS the report also recommends that rural mailbox delivery be reconsidered, AND WHEREAS these recommendations, if implemented, would undermine public postal service and jobs in our community and fundamentally change the nature of Canada Post's retail and delivery network,

AND WHEREAS the report proposes that Canada Post's highly inadequate community consultation process be used when closing or "rationalizing" a post office/outlet, and that a similar process be used when replacing rural mailbox delivery with delivery to a community box, green box or post office, NOW THEREFORE Howick Township Council directs that the Minister responsible for Canada Post be requested to preserve public postal service and jobs in our community by rejecting the above-noted CPCSR recommendations, AND THAT the Minister consult with the public, postal unions and other stake-holders to develop a uniform and democratic process for making fundamental changes to Canada Post's retail and delivery network.

**CARRIED**

3. **Huron County Federation of Agriculture** – seeking municipal support for 2 resolutions:
- i) supporting an epidemiological study into the health impact of infrastructure of wind energy projects on residents living near such developments;
  - ii) requesting Huron municipalities to enact a moratorium on commercial wind energy projects pending results of the above study.
4. **Huron County Planning & Development** – addressing the above resolutions from the Huron Federation of Agriculture, and recommending that Council refer to the report '*Application of Interim Control (moratorium) on Wind Turbines*' from the Huron Director of Planning (provided in the June 16<sup>th</sup> Council package) and urging Council to proceed with caution in this matter, have full public discussion, as well private legal consultation.

Councillor Scott advised that he and Reeve Demaray had recently attended the Public Meeting in Seaforth that dealt with health concerns associated with commercial wind farms, and they came away with a new perspective that there are real issues that need to be addressed. Having regard for the provincial *Green Energy Act*, Council agreed that further discussion with the Planning Department, as well as legal consultation, are advisable before further action is taken.

**5. Electrical Safety Authority** – Advisory regarding public safety concerns with street lights, with increased incidents of shock caused by faulty electrical wiring. The Authority is providing a symposium on street lighting issues on August 20<sup>th</sup> in Mississauga.

Clerk Johnson reported that she discussed this matter with Dale Hunt, member of Wroxeter Village Management Committee, who works for a company that sells street lights. He advised that the problem described does not occur in the type of street lights located in Howick Villages. Council concurred with Mr. Hunt's assessment, and agreed that it will not be necessary to send Village Management members to the symposium.

**6. W.J. Rognvaldson, Howick & District Lions Club** – requesting that the Township pass a by-law to permit the Club to set up voluntary road tolls for fundraising purposes.

Mr. Rognvaldson was in attendance, and upon request was granted permission to speak, giving further detail about the newly-formed Howick Club, and the plan to conduct the road tolls on County Roads in Belmore and Fordwich as a means of raising money for the group. He introduced Mr. Al Leach of the Mount Forest Lions Club and District Governor for Lions International. Mr. Leach spoke about similar events held by other Lions Clubs in the area. Responding to a question about the Charter status of the Howick Club, Mr. Leach read a letter from Lions International confirming that the application has been received and is under consideration.

Clerk Johnson advised that she had attempted to compose a draft by-law, but during the research encountered Huron County By-Law No. 18-1994, which states that permission to temporarily close a County Road shall not be given until the Clerk of the municipality confirms in writing that the municipality will be totally responsible for the management and costs thereof. She expressed concern that a municipal by-law cannot override the County by-law by assigning responsibility and costs to the local organization, and asked if Council is willing to assume the liability and costs if that is the requirement of the County. As well, it was pointed out that because Belmore is a location for the road toll, it will be necessary for the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry to also enact a similar by-law. Mr. Rognvaldson advised that he will submit a request to Morris-Turnberry Council.

Also of concern is that the enabling legislation under the *Safe Street Act* specifies that the organization conducting the road toll must be a "charitable organization registered under the *Income Tax Act*", and an organization cannot qualify to be so registered unless it has been operating for a least one year.

Council determined that, until the specific requirements of the County are clarified, Council is not prepared to enact the by-law. Chair Rognvaldson agreed that the Howick Lions Club will postpone the event until Labour Day weekend, in hopes that the required by-laws will be in place by that time.

Mr. Rognvaldson and Mr. Leach left the meeting at this time (940 pm).

**7. Robert J. Clarkson** – complaint about use of chemical sprays at the Fordwich Cemetery. Similar letters of complaint from Cathy Seip and Doug Hargrave and family were provided as addenda.

Mr. Clarkson, who was in attendance with other Fordwich residents sharing the same concerns, requested permission to speak regarding the matter. He advised that the cemetery caretaker caused the same problem last year. The Cemetery Board was notified of the complaints, and it was assumed that it would not happen again, but he went ahead and did the same thing again this year, spraying around all the monuments, killing a 10-11 inch wide strip of grass. Mr. Clarkson asked Council to take action to ensure that this does not happen again, and stated he would like to see the damage repaired by having topsoil placed around all the stones and the areas re-seeded.

Council agreed and instructed that a letter be sent to the Cemetery Board and the Caretaker, advising that use of sprays is strictly prohibited, that he is to use a trimmer only, and that the Caretaker is instructed to put topsoil and grass seed on the damaged areas.

Mr. Clarkson thanked Council, and he and other visitors left the meeting at this time (9:53 pm).

8. **Tom Sikatori** - advising that he is willing to serve on the Gorrie Village Management Committee. A resolution is required to add his name to the Appointment By-Law.

<b>MOTION #226/09</b>	<b>Moved by Scott</b>	<b>Seconded by Henhoeffler</b>
THAT Howick Township Council hereby appoints Mr. Tom Sikatori to serve on the Gorrie Village Management Committee and directs that By-Law No. 13-2009 be amended accordingly. CARRIED		

### **MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Arnprior, Town of** – asking the Federal and Provincial governments to commit to Canadian nuclear technology as opposed to foreign. Noted & discussed. Action: File
2. **Innisfil, Town of** – requesting the Province to exempt electricity sales from the provincial portion of the HST, at least until the Ontario Hydro debt is retired. Noted & discussed. Action: File
3. **Stirling-Rawdon, Township of** – advising that the Township is not willing to pay the costs of two Operational Plans to comply with the *Municipal Drinking Water Licensing Plan*. Noted & discussed. Action: File
4. **Welland, City of** – demanding that an improved funding model be developed by the Province to ensure all have equal and reasonable access to necessary medical and health services. Noted & discussed. Action: File

**BY-LAWS** - *By-Law No. 17-2009* – Borrowing By-Law (Refinance OSIFA Loan)

<b>MOTION #227/09</b>	<b>Moved by Versteeg</b>	<b>Seconded by Yungblut</b>
THAT Howick Township Council gives first, second, and third and final reading to By-Law No. 17-2009, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of money to refinance the existing ‘Ontario Strategic Infrastructure Financing Authority’ (OSIFA) debenture. CARRIED		

### **CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

- Minutes of the closed sessions held June 16<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- By-Law Enforcement Officer’s Reports
- Legal Matter – Statement of Claim

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Belmore Community Centre Board** - no report

Treasurer Farinha raised the matter of adverse water sample results at the Belmore Community Centre, noting that costs to date are in excess of \$1,000.00, due to the need for added testing and the higher cost for each re-test.

Councillor Scott advised that the Board has consulted a supplier about the cost of an ultra-violet treatment system, and the matter will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

**Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP)**

The following were circulated in the County package:

- Minutes of the June 10<sup>th</sup> CHIP meeting
- Updated calendar of locations for electronic speed sign
- Draft letter to municipalities about removal of Road Watch signs

Councillor Henhoeffler reported from the July 8<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting:

- A sub-committee has been set up to deal with updating the old Road Watch signs.
- The ATV ride planned for June 20<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to rain, and will be held Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> in lieu of the scheduled meeting. The next meeting will be held in Sept.
- The Youth ATV training module is ready, and a pilot training day is planned for Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> with the Wingham Air Cadets.
- The electronic speed sign will be coming to Howick at the end of July, and will be sited at the Henhoeffler’s.
- More speeding campaign radio ads will be aired during August and September.
- A ‘seniors’ safety campaign is being planned for this fall.

**County of Huron**

Reeve Demaray reported:

- Much of the last County Council meeting was spent approving the actions of the Committees.
- A letter will be sent to the MP seeking support for pork producers.

With reference to the ongoing County road construction in Fordwich, Reeve Demaray asked PWC Wilson about the status of the situation with the pond at the corner of Patrick and Victoria Streets. Mr. Wilson reported that the property owner was at the site recently and discussed options with a member of the engineering firm, and Jeff King at MVCA was asked to contact the owner for further discussion of options.

**Huron Bruce Transit** – next meeting July 27th

**Huron County Farm and Home Safety** - no report

**Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)**

The following were circulated in the Council package:

- Minutes of Board Meeting #5/09 May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Minutes of Board Hearing #1/09 May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Minutes of Source Protection Authority Meeting #4/09 May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA)** - no report

**MVCA Source Water Protection (SWP)**

The following were circulated in the Council package:

- News release – Ontario Minister of Environment approves Terms of Reference for Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley areas
- Letter from Committee Chair Larry Brown advising that the Minister has approved the Terms of Reference.

Councillor Versteeg reported that he attended the MVCA Source Protection Working Group meeting, at which time the Group compiled a list of recommendations addressing specific ground water threats.

**SVCA Source Water Protection (SWP)** - no report

**Wingham Area Fire Board**

A special closed session meeting was held to deal with a legal matter. This will be discussed later during closed session.

**COUNCILLORS ISSUES**

**Council / Staff Social**

Reeve Demaray requested that a note be sent to Art and Jenny Versteeg thanking them for hosting the social evening.

**Federal / Provincial Funding**

A draft letter of appreciation to the local MP and MPP for their efforts on our behalf to obtain grant funding was presented. Council approved and directed that the letters be sent.

**CLOSED SESSION**

<b>MOTION #228/09</b>	<b>Moved by Scott</b>	<b>Seconded by Yungblut</b>
THAT Howick Township Council at this time (10:25 pm) closes this portion of the July 14th, 2009 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council in accordance with the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239(2)(a),(b),(c),(d),(e)</i> , to deal with personal and legal matters.		
		CARRIED

**Matters Discussed in Closed Session**

- Minutes of Closed Session of June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (approved by Resolution #229/09)
- Minutes of Closed Session of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (approved by Resolution #230/09)
- Property Standards and By-Law Enforcement
- Legal Matter – Statement of Claim

<b>MOTION #231/09</b>	<b>Moved by Versteeg</b>	<b>Seconded by Henhoeffler</b>
THAT Howick Township Council now re-opens the July 14th, 2009 Regular Council meeting to the public at this time (10:50 pm).		
		CARRIED

**Appointment of Legal Representation**

<b>MOTION #232/09</b>	<b>Moved by Versteeg</b>	<b>Seconded by Scott</b>
THAT Howick Township Council hereby appoints the firm of Miller Thompson LLP as legal Counsel to represent and defend the Wingham Area Fire Board and its member municipalities with respect to the		

Statement of Claim Court File No. CU-09-381261 dated June 18, 2009: AND THAT the appointment of the firm of Miller Thompson is subject to receipt of a statement from the firm of Miller Thompson that the firm will act equally and fairly for all parties through the defence of this claim, and that there is no conflict, jointly or severally, in their representing the Wingham Area Fire Board and its member municipalities.

CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Copies included)**

- a) **Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**
  - FYI 09-009 – Supports Inclusion of Animals in Municipal Emergency Plans
- b) **Environment Canada** – Information and invitation to 2009 Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT) training course.
- c) **Ministry of Culture** – Voluntary pilot testing of draft *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (2009)*.
- d) **Ministry of Environment** – Owen Sound District Office ‘Abatement & Drinking Water’ Staff change of address.
- e) **Hydro One Networks** – Safety brochures: *Summer Safety Tips; Right Tree, Right Place*
- f) **Ontario Provincial Police** – bicycle safety on Ontario Roads – legal responsibilities.
- g) **Play Works Ontario** – Youth Friendly Community Recognition Program
- h) **Ontario Federation of Agriculture** – 30 Suggestions for Wind Power Leases for Farmers; Submitting comments on *Green Energy Act*
- i) **Huron Tourism News** – Summer-Autumn 2009
- j) **Foundation for Education Perth Huron** – Thank you for donation to Howick Central School  
“Build a Playground Campaign”
- k) **Teresa VanRaay, Pork Producer** – appeal for assistance to the industry.

**CORRESPONDENCE forwarded via E-Mail (June 15-July 10, 2009) (No copies attached)**

- a) **Association of Municipalities of Ontario**
  - Alert No. 09/049 – Report on implementing ‘Early Learning & Child Care’ system
  - Alert No. 09/053 – Recreation Infrastructure Funding announcements
  - Alert No. 09/054 – Survey re. effectiveness of new Planning Tools implemented Jan. 2007.
  - FYI 09-010 – ‘Creating Jobs: Delivering Results’ new Infrastructure Canada Newsletter
  - AMO Conference 2009 – Plenary Session speakers; Program at a Glance; Training Sessions
  - AMO/LAS – Energy Management Tool web demo; Benchmark Project Update.
- b) **Ben Lobb, MP** – Canada Day message
- c) **Canada/Ontario Infrastructure** – 1200 Stimulus Fund projects approved
- d) **Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing** – *Municipal-Aboriginal Relationships: Case Studies*.
  - Invitation to profile local infrastructure project in Minister’s speech at AMO conference.
  - West Elgin passes Roadside Fences by-law.
- e) **Ministry of Natural Resources** – Annual wildlife rabies control operations begin Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>.
- f) **Emergency Management Ontario** – London Amateur Radio Operators field day exercise.
- g) **Accessibility Directorate** – Province appoints Charles Beer to conduct independent review of *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*.
- h) **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** – H1N1 Influenza Update
- i) **Municipal Monitor** – July/August Issue
- j) **Municipal World** – July Issue
- k) **Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario** – Contribution and Benefit Proposals report.
- l) **South West LHIN** – Schedule of Community Sessions re. Future of Health Care
- m) **Thehealthline.ca** – June 2009 e-bulletin
- n) **College of Physicians & Surgeons of Ontario** – Newsletter: Block Fees & Uninsured Services.
- o) **Colleges Ontario** – College Voice June edition
- p) **Ontario Workforce Shortage Coalition** – information update.
- q) **Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corp** – Review *Industry Stewardship Plan* ([www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org))
- r) **International Upper Great Lakes Study** – Water Levels Study holds Public Meetings.
- s) **Rural Matters** – e-news Issue 9 July, 2009.
- t) **M. Anderson** – Energy Researcher Tom Adams speaks about *Green Energy Act Paradox* – unholy alliance between government and industry lobby groups.
- u) **Count Me In Challenge** – 44 municipalities have signed up.
- v) **Huron OPP** – OPP and MTO target commercial vehicles; Coping with black bear encounter; Tips to avoid attracting bears to your property; “Stay Alert, Stay Alive” – avoid distractions while driving.
- w) **Lead to Win Alliance** – July 6<sup>th</sup> update on community-driven program focused on job creation & improving business: 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop 3-day session to be held starting July 28<sup>th</sup> at Carleton University
- x) **Middlesex-London Health Unit** – H1N1 Influenza status reports June 11; June 18; June 22
- y) **Huron Planning & Development** – Huron Manufacturing Assoc. Annual Meeting & Dinner at Holmesville July 9<sup>th</sup>.
- z) **Huron Business Development Corp**
  - Next “Better Business” Seminar – ‘Record Keeping: Lament of the Damned’ June 25<sup>th</sup> in Clinton
  - ‘Small Business Success’ Newsletter June 2009
  - ‘Business and Work in Huron County’ Newsletter June 2009

aa) **Huron Tourism**

- Grand Bend Horticultural Society "Festival of Homes, Gardens & Arts" June 27th
- Clinton Raceway 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Kid's Day July 12<sup>th</sup>
- Benmiller Inn hosting "Simply the Best" of Huron County marketing event July 12<sup>th</sup>
- The Livery Theatre, Goderich presents "Betty Byleorski Finds a Home" June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Seaforth Country Classic Canadian Tour Golf Event last week of August
- MacGougan Manor Bed & Breakfast and Catering menu
- Huron Ridges Acres Inc. 'End of Season' sale until June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Blyth Festival Art Gallery presenting "The Art of Function" Pottery exhibition until July 15<sup>th</sup>
- Bayfield Home and Garden Tour July 4<sup>th</sup>
- Hensall Juried Art Show and Sale July 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> at Hensall United Church
- 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Huron County Art Show and Sale July 19<sup>th</sup> at Huron County Museum, Goderich
- Artists Anne Hamilton and Tristan Eekhoff lecture "Identity and Intent" at Goderich Co-op Gallery  
At 7:30 pm July 14<sup>th</sup>
- Elizabeth's Art Gallery, Goderich, Kids Art Workshops July 13-17 and Aug. 10-14
- Benmiller Inn – Free American Wind Symphony Concert & BBQ Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>
- Ontario's Best Breakfast Picks

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #233/09**

**Moved by Versteeg**

**Seconded by Henhoeffler**

THAT Howick Township Council now adjourns the July 14th, 2009 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council at 10:52 pm, with Council to meet again at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 11th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair. CARRIED

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CLERK