

TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 16th , 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

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. Councillor Versteeg stated his intention to declare a conflict of pecuniary interest with regard to the Bolton Municipal Drain.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A draft of Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 2nd, 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.

MOTION #190/09	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Scott
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2009, as circulated.		CARRIED

MOTION #191/09	Moved by Versteeg	Seconded by Henhoeffter
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Public Meeting held on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2009, as circulated.		CARRIED

MOTION #192/09	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Yungblut
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Court of Revision for the Bolton Municipal Drain 2009 project held on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2009, as circulated.		CARRIED

RECREATION/FACILITIES SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Pool Renovations

Mr. Skillen reported that pool renovations are substantially complete and look very good. The Health Unit inspection was completed yesterday and approval issued. The pool opened for swimming today.

He advised that a windbreak fence is needed, preferably along the west and south sides of the pool compound. He has looked at one type (translucent poly panels) at a local supplier, but pricing was not available. Other suggestions were offered, which Mr. Skillen will investigate and get price information for next Council meeting.

Pool Grand Opening

The Grand Opening of the refurbished facility will take place on Saturday, July 4th, 2009. Mr. Skillen estimated costs for the event to be approximately \$400.00 for food, advertising, and miscellaneous expenses. "Buckles the Life Jacket" will be in attendance. Posters of the event have been put up and notice has been inserted in the "What's Happening in Howick" news-

letter. It was suggested that it be posted again in the next edition of the newsletter, and that the contractors who worked on the project may also provide complementary advertising.

Engineered Roof-Top Air Unit

The new motor has been installed, and the manufacturer's representative was in attendance to set up and check to ensure that the system was working properly. Mr. Skillen noted that the system has since shut down a couple of times and had to be re-set, presumably due to recent temperature fluctuations. Responding to a question, Mr. Skillen advised that he has not yet received the billing for repairs, and he will ensure that the Township is not charged for the return visits to re-set the system.

Belmore Community Centre – Water Tests

A number of adverse water samples have been taken recently at the facility, and retests cost \$30.00 each. Mr. Skillen asked if a UV treatment system should be installed. Councillor Scott advised that the Community Centre Board is seeking price quotes for a treatment system, but issues with the well have been identified and corrected, and the latest water sample was clean.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Web Site Updates (Information)

Some modifications were finally made to our website after a year of effort. We can now add, delete or modify information ourselves and post it to the following tabs:

- Finance
- Fire Protection and Prevention
- Council Minutes and Agenda
- Landfill and Recycling

Bruce Skillen is now putting together a comprehensive layout for the Recreation tab on the website. This would enable us to post information on fees, events, programs and so on. When this is done our webpage will satisfy our needs and be comparable to that of other Municipalities

RInC Application (Information)

The deadline was May 29th. We applied for projects at Howick Community Centre and Fordwich Parks (Batting cage). These were the only 2 applications processed through the Township office. The Government promised to accept and consider applications after the May 29th deadline. However, due to the volume submitted, the Government decided to make the May 29th deadline the cut off date. Any applications received after that will be rejected. There has been no word yet on our applications.

Ontario Stewardship Grant for Blue Box Recycling (Information)

The report was submitted on time and indications are that our Grant will remain intact.

FIR Filing (Information)

The Financial Information report was filed on time. Only 2 other Municipalities in the County met the deadline. The County itself missed the deadline.

2009 Rural Summer Jobs (Information)

Our application was approved. Correspondence attached.

Infrastructure Funding (Information)

We applied for 3 projects under the Stimulus Fund and all three were approved. The application for Gough Bridge made under the Building Canada fund did not reap any Grant. Correspondence attached.

Responding to a question about funding the 3 public works projects, Treasurer Farinha confirmed that the township has sufficient money in reserves to fund our 1/3 share of the costs in 2009 or 2010.

PWC Wilson advised that funding criteria stipulates that 50% be spent by March, 2010 and the balance by March, 2011. It is difficult to comply with that stipulation for road construction projects – you can't build half the road one year and then complete it the next. He is hoping the majority of work will be done this year.

Treasurer's Summer Vacation (Information)

I would like to book 2 weeks off, the last week of July and first week of August. At this time I do not know the exact dates but will advise about these as soon as they are available.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

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

MOTION #193/09 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Versteeg**
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes payment of accounts in the amount of **858,817.45** under date June 16, 2009 as cheques #8176 to #8229 inclusive, as presented and discussed at the Regular Council meeting held June 16th, 2009. **CARRIED**

PUBLIC WORKS CO-ORDINATOR’S REPORT

The following report as at June 12th and related information were circulated in the Council package:

ROADS

PUBLIC WORKS STAFF OPERATIONS

- Maintenance gravel completed on June 3rd
- Grading complete
- Calcium chloride completed on June 9th
- Painting of snow plow equipment underway
- First round of grass cutting beginning next week
- Stump grinding and lawn repair next week
- Reconstruction of Malcolm Line between Orangehill and Salem Roads beginning in the next couple of weeks

ENGINEERING SERVICES

Because of the short timeframe for implementation of the construction projects we received funding for, is it permissible to go ahead and engage engineering services without an RFP or tender process? I was considering Gamsby & Mannerow for the road construction and Dawley Engineering for the building addition.

Mr. Wilson reiterated that there are time constraints on completing the projects, and expressed concern that with the large number of projects receiving grant funding, engineers, contractors and materials will soon be in great demand.

Council authorized PWC Wilson to contact and engage the necessary engineering services.

FORDWICH STREET CONSTRUCTION

Work is progressing well although the contractor is about 1 week behind due to wet weather and excessive ground water in the storm sewer trenches. We have received a few calls regarding dust but other than those calls no major issues.

BUILDING

BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT

Deputy Treasure Weisher prepared the enclosed report on construction activity to date, indicating a decline in the number and value of permits issued compared to the same period last year.

<u>Permits Issued</u>	<u>Value of Construction</u>	<u>Fees Collected</u>
32 Building Permits	\$1,496,300.00	\$8,508.16
6 Septic System Permits	\$ 52,000.00	\$1,625.00

DRAINAGE

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

At this time, Councillor Versteeg declared a pecuniary interest regarding the Bolton Municipal Drain, as the drainage works runs through his farm and he is assessed on the drain.

BOLTON MUNICIPAL DRAIN

Council can now give third and final reading to By-law 12-2009 and enter into a contract for the construction of the drain. A summary of the results of the tender is enclosed. (NOTE: See 'By-Laws' under Clerk's Report)

MOTION #194/09 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Henhoeffer**
THAT Howick Township Council hereby awards the tender for the Bolton Municipal Drain 2009 project to Marquardt Farm Drainage at the tendered price of \$122,634.69, and hereby authorizes the Reeve and the Clerk to sign the contract documents on behalf of the Corporation. **CARRIED**

TILE DRAIN LOAN

Tile drainage has been completed and inspected at Lot 5, Concession 5. A By-law will be prepared for Council consideration in order to complete this process. (NOTE: see 'By-Laws' under Clerk's Report)

MUNICIPAL DRAIN ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT

An agreement for the Metcalfe-Wright Municipal Drain was a condition of the severance for Ralph and Debbie Metcalfe, on Lot 2, Concession 18. A copy of this agreement is enclosed. This split appears to be fair and I would recommend acceptance.

MOTION #195/09	Moved by Versteeg	Seconded by Henhoeffler		
THAT Howick Township Council hereby accepts the following drainage assessment split for Lot 2 on Concession 18:				
	East ½	50 acres	Ralph & Debbie Metcalfe	65%
	West ½	50 acres	Ralph & Debbie Metcalfe	35%
				CARRIED

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT – Wm. Bennett and Sons Farms Ltd.

A copy of the application and the meeting notice will be provided to Council on Tuesday evening. The public meeting is scheduled for June 30th at 7:00 p.m. I will not be at this meeting but Denise will provide a report and planning opinion that evening.

HURON COUNTY PLANNING REPORT – Interim Control on Wind Turbines

Enclosed is a copy of the planning report presented to the Huron County Committee of the Whole. Although Howick has not considered placing the construction of wind turbines under interim control, other Huron County municipalities have.

Reeve Demaray noted that a concerned ratepayers meeting regarding wind farms is to be held in Seaforth on Thursday.

LANDFILL - No Report

OTHER

HOWICK POOL

The building is substantially complete and the site work and landscaping has been completed. Heritage Builders are working on final cleaning.

PUBLIC WORKS AND RECREATION NEWSLETTER

The newsletter was sent out this week. Many positive comments have been received, and a suggestion that other municipal departments send out a similar bulletin periodically. The newsletter prompted many calls about ordering trees. Council agreed with Mr. Wilson's suggestion that a reminder be put in the "What's Happening in Howick" newsletter in late summer when it is near the time to submit the order for trees.

LAND SALE - To be discussed in closed session.

CORRESPONDENCE (Information only)

- Ontario Good Roads Association – Highlights of the Board Meeting
- Stratford Beacon Herald – Article on Surplus Farm House Severances
- Middlesex County Planning Report (Part only) – Surplus Farm House Severances

CLERKS REPORT

The following report as at June 12th and copies of supporting information were circulated in the Council package:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

1. Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Workshop

Treasurer Farinha and I attended the EOC workshop in London on June 9th, which provided comprehensive information on the functions of an EOC and the Community Control Group (CCG), the duties of the participating members and staff, proper procedures and operations, and layout and organization of an EOC. (workshop timetable attached)

2. Basic Emergency Management (BEM) Course

Middlesex County is offering the 3-day BEM course September 16th -18th in Dorchester. Since the duties of a fire department include participation and assistance in community emergency management and response, would Council be willing to pay the costs of having Chief Doig and Deputy Edgar take this training, if they agree and are available? (Information attached)

Clerk Johnson reported that this matter was discussed at the staff meeting held on June 15th with Chief Doig and Deputy Edgar, and both indicated they are willing to take the course.

MOTION #196/09

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the attendance of Fire Chief Doig and Deputy Chief Edgar at the Basic Emergency Management Course in Dorchester on Sept. 16th-18th, 2009 and agrees to pay the registration fee of \$125.00 for each, as well as any other costs associated with their attendance at this course.

CARRIED

HOWICK FIRE SERVICES

In preparation for the Special Council Meeting scheduled for June 30th, Treasurer Farinha, Deputy Treasurer Weishar and Clerk Johnson met on Monday, June 15th with Fire Chief Doig and Deputy Chief Edgar to draft a proposed organization chart, discuss job descriptions and remuneration for fire department personnel and office set up and equipment, computer and software requirements.

MUNICIPAL ALCOHOL POLICY (MAP)

Attached is a copy of Minutes from the MAP Committee meeting held on June 9th with Deputy Reeve Yungblut, Councillor Scott and Township Board members to review the Alcohol Policy. The following requests for changes resulted:

- *Page 5, Required Ratio of Event Workers* – change categories for number of participants and reduce numbers of workers required.
- *Page 5, Personnel, Duties and Responsibilities* – change wording for Door Monitors, Floor Monitors and Ticket Sellers to read “*it is recommended that*” workers have server training.
- That all references (pages 5, 7, 10) to the restriction of the sale of tickets to “4 per purchase” be amended to “5 per purchase” to facilitate making change.
- *Page 8, Redeeming Unused Tickets* – change to “maximum of 5 tickets per person”.
- *Page 7, During the Event, #15* – change to read “All entertainment must be ended and the bar closed by 1:00 am, *except for New Year’s Eve when it may be closed at 2:00 am.*”
- *Page 7, During the Event, #8* – change wording to allow minors to attend events.

It was also requested that the Township pay for Smart Serve training for all volunteers who work at Local Board events, and that the Township provide more signage and other supplies relating to the Municipal Alcohol Policy.

Deputy Reeve Yungblut and Councillor Scott voiced their support for the requested changes and agreed that the Township should support the Boards by paying the cost for any volunteers who are willing to take the training, otherwise it is difficult for the Boards to get volunteer help. Both felt that there probably will not be a large number and therefore costs would not be great. The Clerk was instructed to contact Recreation/Facilities Supervisor Skillen to establish a date and time for a training session, and then send out another notice to all the Local Boards advising them when and where the training course will take place, and that Council has agreed to pay for volunteers as well as Board members to take the training. The Boards will also be asked to provide a list of supplies and signage needed. These costs will be funded from the “Council Grants/Donations – External”

During discussion of the requests, it was noted that some of the changes purportedly are consistent with provisions in the policies of neighbouring municipalities. Clerk Johnson cautioned that changing the wording to read “*It is recommended that*” can be interpreted as meaning that it is not necessary to have Smart Serve trained workers.

Options and alternatives for how to change the wording of the policy to permit minors to attend licenced events were discussed. Clerk Johnson expressed concern that allowing minors admittance to licenced events increases the risk and increases the need for monitoring, while at the same time, a request to reduce the requirements for monitors is being considered. The purpose of the policy is to reduce risk and protect the municipality as a whole from liability. The Clerk was instructed to research the policies of neighbouring municipalities to determine how they have dealt with this matter.

Councillor Scott voiced concern about rumours that Howick Township Council and staff are not supportive of the local hall Boards and do not want them to succeed. He strongly declared that he fully supports and applauds the Boards’ efforts to keep the local halls operational, and the other members of Council agreed. Reeve Demaray added that it is difficult to determine where such rumours originate, and noted that similar incidents have happened in the past regarding other Township issues.

HURON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Information and an invitation were received on June 3rd about the County-wide Economic Development Strategy launch at the “Growth for Our Future” event to be held in Clinton on June 11th. This information was forwarded via e-mail to all Council members, and Councillor Henhoeffter responded that she would be available to attend. A resolution authorizing her attendance is required.

MOTION #197/09

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Scott

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the attendance of Councillor Henhoeffter at the Huron County Economic Development Strategy “Growth for Our Future” held in Clinton on June 11th, and agrees to pay the costs associated with her attendance at this event. CARRIED

Councillor Henhoeffter reported that it was an excellent, very well-organized and informative event with lots of good ideas emerging. Most municipal, industry and other stakeholder groups in the County except the education sector were represented and participated. A comprehensive report will be forthcoming in the near future.

MUNICIPAL LOTTERY LICENSING SEMINAR

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission is holding a Lottery Licensing training session at the Municipality of South Huron on July 15th. I respectfully request authorization for Administrative Assistant Bennett and myself to attend this training.

MOTION #198/09

Moved by Henhoeffter

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the attendance of Clerk Johnson and Administrative Assistant Bennett at the Lottery Licensing training workshop hosted by South Huron on July 15th, 2009, and agrees to pay the costs associated with their attendance at this event. CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE Requiring Council Action (copies attached)

1. **Centre for Applied Renewable Energy** – presenting a 1-day workshop ‘A Citizens’ Guide to Reducing Your Carbon Footprint’ at the OMAFRA building in Clinton on June 25th. Cost is \$25.00.
Noted and discussed. Action: File
2. **Concerned Citizens of Huron East Against Turbines (HEAT)** – holding a public meeting “Wind Farms - Get the Facts” at the Seaforth Community Centre on June 18th at 8:00 pm.

MOTION #199/09

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes attendance of Reeve Demaray and Councillor Scott at the Public Meeting “Wind Farms” in Seaforth on June 18th, 2009, and agrees to pay the costs associated with their attendance at this event. CARRIED

3. **Wallaceburg Disaster Relief Committee** – seeking financial assistance. Noted & discussed. Action: File
4. **Barbara Leamen, County of Huron** – has 4 extra rooms at the Westin in Ottawa for the AMO conference.
Noted and discussed. Action: File

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS

1. **Bonnechere Valley, Township of** – asking the Province to increase funding to libraries.
2. **Fort Erie, Town of** – requesting that the Premier of Ontario amend the *Ombudsman Act* to include hospitals under the Ombudsman’s jurisdiction.
3. **Hastings Highlands, Municipality of** – requesting that Hydro One recognize emergency services provided by the municipality and remit fair payment for those services.
4. **Hawkesbury, Town of** – lobbying Federal and Ontario governments to ensure investments made by Canadians in industries be protected and secured against being moved out of the country or being closed without consultation with Canadian investors.
5. **Pickering, City of** – asking the Province to stop implementation of the Harmonized Sales Tax until more public consultation and input is received.
6. **Greater Toronto Area Countryside Mayors’ Alliance** –
 - supporting free trade between Canada and the United States and declaring that the “Buy American” provisions of the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* are contrary to the spirit of free trade, and
 - supporting the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters in the quest to have US Congress repeal the “Buy American” stimulus package, and

- recommending that Canadian municipalities adopt procurement policies for infrastructure projects that require goods and materials to be bought from companies whose countries of origin do not impose trade restrictions against Canadian goods.

The above resolutions were noted and discussed, and the Clerk was instructed to file all.

BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 12-2009 – Bolton Municipal Drain 2009 Project – Third reading

MOTION #200/09	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Henhoeffler
That Howick Township Council gives third and final reading to By-Law No. 12-2009, the Bolton Municipal Drain 2009 project by-law.		
		CARRIED

By-Law No. 15-2009 – Tile Drainage Rating

MOTION #200/09	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Scott
That Howick Township Council gives first, second and third and final reading to By-Law No. 15-2009, Tile Drainage Rating by-law (VanDonkersgoed).		
		CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

- Minutes of the closed session held June 2nd, 2009
- By-Law Enforcement Officer's Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Belmore Community Centre Board

Councillor Scott reported from the June 15th Board meeting:

- Repairs will be done at the south entrance of the auditorium to improve accessibility by removing the sill and sloping the walkway out to the pavement.
- One good water test has resulted since repairs were done on the well. The Board is awaiting the outcome of the next two tests, to see if further action is required.
- Seeking 2 price quotes for purchase of an ultraviolet treatment system.
- Estimated price for replacing puck board around the ice surface is about \$20,000.00. The information will be referred to the Chamber of Commerce to determine if the project will go ahead.
- The Board is attending to issues identified in the Engineer's Inspection Report – ie. humidifier mounting; girders painted.
- Netting (\$2800.) and safety glass (\$970.) should be installed within the next few weeks.
- Quotes were obtained earlier to rebuild the compressor. Subsequently, CIMCO agreed to reduce their price, and will proceed with the task.

Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP)

Councillor Henhoeffler reported from the June 10th Committee meeting:

- Things continue to progress with the Speeding Campaign and the Youth ATV training
- The trainers will be going on the trail ride on June 20th, starting with breakfast in Auburn
- The ATV training video had its first run
- The first ATV safety class will begin this fall
- Issues with the Maitland Trail remain unresolved – several farmers withdrew access to their properties, and although some have reversed their decision, one property remains closed.
- The next meeting is scheduled for July 8th.

County of Huron

Reeve Demaray reported:

- Committee structures and reimbursement for meetings are to be reviewed.
- Changes may be made to meeting schedules – ie. Health Board
- The resolution to discontinue purchasing lunches for County Council has met with opposition and the issue may be raised again.
- The cost to erect a wind turbine with sufficient capacity to power Huron View is estimated at \$4.5 million.
- Steps may be taken by the Health Unit to change their enforcement methods regarding sale of tobacco to minors, which amounts to hiring minors to visit local businesses and lie to entrap them. An apology was given to a Howick storeowner for a recent incident, and the record of a warning issued was expunged.

- There has been discussion about conducting a Service Review for the County, but opinions are divided as to whether to undertake the review internally or hire an outside agency.
- Huron County name signs will be replaced next year.
- It was decided that lower tier municipalities will not be permitted to place their municipal name signs on the County sign posts.

Huron Bruce Transit (formerly Wheels Away) – next meeting June 29th

Huron County Farm and Home Safety - no report

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)

Councillor Versteeg reported that the next Board meeting takes place June 17th at which time the members will travel to Amberley to view a lakeside revetment wall construction project.

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) - no report

MVCA Source Water Protection (SWP)

Circulated in the Council package was an invitation to attend the Columbus Centre in Goderich on June 17th at 6:30 pm to hear CBC Science Reporter Bob McDonald speak of “*Perspectives on a Planet*”, “looking at earth in its full environmental context”.

Deputy Reeve Yungblut reported from the June 5th Source Protection Committee meeting:

- Chair Larry Brown reported that the Committee’s Terms of Reference have received Provincial approval.
- Committee members called attention to the fact that the Province made arbitrary changes to the proposed Terms of Reference, such as removing the sections dealing with compensation (for landowners).
- Concern was expressed that the Province will also make changes to the Source Protection Plans, however, Chair Brown feels confident that this will not be the case since the intent is that the Plans are to reflect the “local” situation.
- Committee members were assigned the task of identifying a local “threat” (to ground water) and write a policy to address it.

SVCA Source Water Protection (SWP) - no report

Wingham Area Fire

Copies of the following were included in the Council package:

- Agenda for the June 10th Board meeting
- Minutes of the April 8th Board meeting
- Minutes of the April 23rd Special meeting
- Fire Chief’s Reports for April and May
- List of Accounts May, 2009
- Financial Statements to April 2009
- Inventory of Assets of the Wingham Area Fire Board
- Appraisals of vehicles from Cross Automotive Appraisal Services
- Draft Comparative Report of Appraisals of Fire Board Assets

Reeve Demaray and Deputy Reeve Yungblut reported from the June 10th meeting:

- The Board has directed the representatives to take the Asset Appraisal information back to their respective Councils to determine if they wish to acquire any of the assets.
- There is some indication that none of the member municipalities is interested in taking the ladder truck. North Huron’s new Fire Chief has apparently stated that it is bigger than they need. This may result in the vehicle being put up for sale.

Council members will review the asset appraisal information in detail, and address the matter in detail at the Special Meeting on June 30th.

ADDENDUM

Billing for Fire Call

Councillor Scott read the contents of an e-mail received from a Wroxeter resident who received a bill from the Township for a fire call. The resident advises that he was away when the incident occurred, there was no fire at his property, and he will not be paying the bill. Reeve Demaray commented that at the time of the incident, there was a large brush fire in the neighbourhood, which someone reported to the fire department on a cell phone. When fire-fighters arrived, the fire had already been extinguished. It is assumed that the caller gave an incorrect address and the actual location was across the street. It was noted that billings for fire calls are based on the information received from the Fire Chief. Treasurer Farinha will contact the Fire Chief and investigate.

COUNCILLORS ISSUES

Atton Proposed Development

Councillor Versteeg reported that he and Councillor Scott were in attendance at a site meeting at the Atton Property at the invitation of the Attons' Planning Consultant, to discuss a new development proposal. Copies of maps were provided, and Councillor Versteeg described the plan to "swap" a parcel of land designated 'Development', re-designating it to 'Agricultural' land in exchange for an equal number of acres of agricultural land to be designated for development. Information is needed from Maitland Valley Conservation Authority regarding a Natural Environment buffer area. The Planning Consultant will forward details of the proposal for Council's consideration.

Wroxeter Riverbank Repair

Reeve Demaray asked about the progress of this project. PWC Wilson suggested that the Township engage the services of an Engineer, and Council advised him to proceed.

Property Standards Remediation

Reeve Demaray read a note received from Wroxeter residents thanking Council for the "Clean Up" in the neighbourhood, advising that they appreciate the action taken, and they hope that "Township residents know there are by-laws and should abide by them".

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION #202/09

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Scott

THAT Howick Township Council at this time (9:35 pm) closes this portion of the June 16th, 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 of June 2nd, 2009 (approved by Resolution #203/09)
- Property Standards and By-Law Enforcement
- Request to sell part of railway land in Gorrie

MOTION #203/09

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council now re-opens the June 16th, 2009 Regular Council meeting to the public at this time (10:02 pm). CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Copies included)

a) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

- Alert No. 09/040 – requesting participation in *Labour Mobility Survey*
- Alert No. 09/042 – seeking municipal input regarding proposed extension of *Needle Safety Regulation* to include workers in schools, community centres and emergency services.
- Alert No. 09/045 – 'Count Me In' Community Challenge – 3-month energy conservation campaign underway – Q & A information sheet attached.
- Alert No. 09/046 – Ontario Power Authority posts *Feed-in Tariff Contract* for comment
- AMO 2009 Conference – Ontario Ministers' meetings with municipal delegates Aug. 17-18

b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing

- Affordable Housing Strategy consultations launched – seeking input on how to improve service
- Update e-newsletter, June, 2009

c) Ontario Provincial Police – CHIP summer speeding awareness campaign

CORRESPONDENCE forwarded via E-Mail (June 1 - 12, 2009) (No copies attached)

a) Association of Municipalities of Ontario

- Alert No. 09/041 – AMO comments on *Long Term Care Homes Act* proposed regulations.
- Alert No. 09/043 – Government announces Consultation process on Long Term Affordable Housing Strategy
- Alert No. 09/044 – Federal & Provincial commit \$2.3 billion to Ontario municipal infrastructure
- Alert No. 09/047 – *Green Energy Act* planning approval regulations – public consultation
- Alert No. 09/048 – Municipal Affairs & Housing signs \$1.2 billion Housing Agreement

b) South West LHIN – Board of Directors Highlights – May 2009

- Notice: July & August Board of Directors meetings cancelled – next Board to Board Engagement session to be held in Seaforth Sept. 9th

c) Huron OPP – Thanks to all who helped make "Kids, Cops & Canadian Tire Fishing Day a success

d) Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative – Annual conference June 17-19 in Trois Rivières

- e) **Municipal World Bookshop** – Meet Gord Hume, author of “Cultural Planning for Creative Communities” at Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference June 5th – 6th
- f) **Chatham-Kent** – South West Economic Alliance 2009 Conference Sept. 17-18 in Chatham
- g) **Lead to Win Alliance** – community-driven program focused on job creation & improving business: 3rd workshop 3-day session to be held starting July 28th at Carleton University
- h) **Town of Caledon** – Media Release: Greater Toronto Area Countryside Mayors Alliance passes resolutions supporting “free trade when it’s fair trade” opposing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (“Buy American” Act)
- i) **Huron Planning & Development** – schedule of Open House meetings for Official Plan review
- j) **Huron Business Development Corp**
- Next “Better Business” Seminar – Brochures, Business Cards and Flyers, June 11th in Clinton
- k) **Huron Tourism**
- Foragers ‘Fresh & News’ May 30th
- Beechwood Pottery’s 34th Annual Spring Show & Sale June 6th -7th
- Elizabeth’s Art Gallery, Goderich – Digital Photography Group 5th Annual Exhibit June 12th
- Aids Committee of London ‘Runway for Hope’ Fashion Show, Festival Theatre Stratford June 12
- American Wind Symphony Orchestra in Goderich July 11th
- Message from Minister of Tourism – Tourism Week in Ontario June 1 – 7
- Purdy’s Landing – home of River Road Gallery; Sunset Arts; Grand Bend Art Centre
- River Road Gallery 2009 Schedule of events
- The Livery Theatre, Goderich – JenElle Fashion Show June 12th at 7:30 pm
- Goderich Little Theatre looking for new General Manager. Respond by June 24th
- Congratulations to Forager Foods in Bayfield, winner of Regional Award for Agri-Food Innovation
- Benmiller Inn & Spa showcasing local products, produce, services at Open House July 12th
- South Huron Chamber of Commerce & Goderich Aircraft Inc hosting ‘Business After 5’ at Huron Park, Hangar #2 June 18th 5:00 – 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #204/09

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Henhoeffler

THAT Howick Township Council now adjourns the June 16th, 2009 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council at 10:04 pm, with Council to meet again at the Special Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 30th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

REEVE

CLERK