

**TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.**  
**AT THE HOWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:**

**Council Members**

Max Demaray, Reeve  
Linda Henhoeffler, Councillor  
Art Versteeg, Councillor

Andrea Yungblut, Deputy Reeve  
Randy Scott, Councillor

**Staff**

Ronna Lee Johnson, Clerk  
Wray Wilson, Public Works Co-ordinator

Mark Farinha, Treasurer/Tax Collector

**Delegations**

Hazel Versteeg, Howick Central School Playground Committee  
Peter King, Fordwich Park Board

**Others**

Laurie Myer & Daughter

**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 Regular Council Meeting held April 21<sup>st</sup> was circulated in the Council package. A draft of Minutes of the April 30<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting was provided at the meeting.

<b>MOTION #143/09</b>	<b>Moved by Yungblut</b>	<b>Seconded by Scott</b>
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 21st, 2009, as circulated.		
		<b>CARRIED</b>

Clerk Johnson advised of an error in the Minutes of the April 30<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting, under heading "Bolton Municipal Drain" on page 1, paragraph 2, line 3, refers to Branch 'A' but should read Branch 'D'. This error has been corrected in the minutes.

<b>MOTION #144/09</b>	<b>Moved by Scott</b>	<b>Seconded by Yungblut</b>
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Thursday, April 30th, 2009, as corrected.		
		<b>CARRIED</b>

**DELEGATIONS**

**1. Hazel Versteeg – Howick Central School Playground Committee**

Ms. Versteeg provided photos of the new playground equipment to be installed at Howick Central School, and advised that the project has been scaled down and the total purchase cost will amount to approximately \$15,500.00. To date, the Committee has raised about \$9,100.00 through various fundraising events, which are continuing, with "hot dog" days at the school, at Zehrs in Listowel, and also this weekend at the Watson Home Hardware Garage Sale where Watson's will provide the supplies and have also generously donated \$1,000.00.

Ms. Versteeg was in attendance as a follow-up to her earlier presentation to Council, asking if Council had given consideration to the request for a donation to the playground project during budget discussions.

Responding to a question, she advised that the School Board will not contribute to the equipment purchase, but agreed to pay for installation. It is uncertain whether the cost of the

pea stone base is included in the "installation" to be paid by the Board. If not, the Committee may need to raise additional funds to cover that cost. The required volume and cost of the pea stone are not known at this time.

Council expressed concern that this new equipment may be removed by the School Board if regulations change and inspectors deem it to be unsafe. Ms. Versteeg replied that the equipment supplier has advised they do not anticipate further changes to regulations, which have been in effect for the past 7 years and no safety issues have arisen during that time. This new equipment is constructed to allow for easy replacement of any worn or defective parts, and if inspectors detect a faulty section, they will allow time for its replacement.

Council also expressed reluctance to put taxpayers' dollars into equipment that is not under Township control or on Township property. Replacing equipment removed by the School Board should be the responsibility of the Board. It was noted that the Township recently made a sizeable donation of time and materials toward construction of the hill at the School.

A suggestion was offered that perhaps grant funding is available for this purpose, and the School Board could submit application on behalf of the School.

Reeve Demaray thanked Ms. Versteeg, noting that Council will discuss the matter further and advise her of the decision in the near future.

Ms. Versteeg, Ms. Myer and daughter left the meeting at this time (7:15 pm).

While awaiting arrival of the next delegation, Council discussed the above matter, and instructed Treasurer Farinha to research grant funding sources. Mr. Farinha will contact the School Board for discussion, and will bring grant information to the next Council meeting.

NOTE: See Delegation #2 following Treasurer's Report

## **RECREATION/FACILITIES SUPERVISOR'S REPORT** - no report

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

### **Infrastructure Funding**

We submitted 4 applications for infrastructure funding by the May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 deadline.

The details of these applications are:

<b># &amp; Program</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Howick Portion</b>
1.) Intake 2 Grants	Gough Bridge	\$274,100	\$ 91,400
2.) Infra Stimulus	Roads Building	\$207,000	\$ 69,000
3.) Infra Stimulus	Gough Road	\$312,000	\$104,000
4.) Infra Stimulus	Spencetown Road	\$324,000	<u>\$108,000</u>
			<b><u>\$372,400</u></b>

### **Drinking Water Source Protection**

Correspondence attached was received from Drinking Water Source Protection Stewardship Program and will have no effect on Howick Township.

### **2009 Budget Media Release**

We should advise the media our 2009 Budget was approved with an overall 1.3% increase. It seems all the other Municipalities had increases higher than ours. We need to demonstrate we did a better job for our taxpayers.

Council agreed with Treasurer Farinha's recommendation. Mr. Farinha will draft a Press Release for Council's approval.

### **RInC Program**

The call for applications will open soon for the RInC Program. Bruce Skillen has submitted a cost estimate of \$65,000 for renovations to the Howick Community Centre. We would like to apply for funding, when announced, to do this work.

#### **MOTION #145/09**

**Moved by Scott**

**Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby instructs the Treasurer to submit an application for funding under the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) program to assist with renovations to the Howick Community Centre.

**CARRIED**

## **ADDENDA – Treasurer's Report**

The following report and supporting information were presented at the meeting:

**HRSDC Accessibility Grants**

Municipalities with a population under 50,000 can apply for up to \$50,000 to improve accessibility for people with disabilities. As discussed at one of our Council meetings, at this point in time Howick may not need to undertake such projects. Further, at an accessibility meeting held by Huron County, and attended by Reeve Demaray, Clerk Johnson and myself, we were told that this aspect of the legislation won't take effect for a few years. In addition there may be no requirement to renovate existing buildings to comply with accessibility laws.

**OSIFA Loan Refinancing**

This loan (Howick Community Centre & Library Construction) was initiated in 2006 maturing in 2026. Interest is 5.11% per annum. Principal and interest are paid semi-annually. The principal outstanding on this loan is presently \$923,000 and OSIFA has indicated that the payout penalty will be around \$30,000. The exact figure is not yet available from the Ministry. Current interest rates run at around 3.07% for this type of loan and amount. If we refinance through one of the banks, and make the same annual principal payments of \$40K semi-annually, we could save the Township \$244,000 in interest costs over the remaining life of the loan. That works out to \$14.4K per year saving or 1.25% off the tax rate. Maintaining the same principal payments means we will also pay off the loan 2 years earlier. Treasurer Farinha recommended that Requests for Proposal be sent to local commercial banks.

<b>MOTION #146/09</b>	<b>Moved by Versteeg</b>	<b>Seconded by Scott</b>
THAT Howick Township Council hereby instructs the Treasurer to prepare Request for Proposal (RFP) documents for submission to Commercial Banking Institutions for the purpose of securing loan financing.		
		<b>CARRIED</b>

**DELEGATIONS – Continued**

**2. Peter King – Fordwich Park Board**

Mr. King distributed copies of a letter from the Secretary of the Howick Agricultural Society advising that the Society is celebrating 150 years in Howick this year, and plans to hold a dance on Saturday evening (October 3<sup>rd</sup>) following the Fair. As the Society does not have enough man power to run all the planned events, they have asked the Fordwich Park Board to assist with the dance on Saturday evening.

Mr. King advised that the dance will be held on the arena floor, which they will clean up following the fair, and proceeds of the dance will go to the Park Board. Because the dance is being held in conjunction with the Fall Fair 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, he requested assurance from Council that the Park Board would not be charged rental - that the dance be considered as part of the Fair Board's use of the facility.

<b>MOTION #147/09</b>	<b>Moved by Scott</b>	<b>Seconded by Yungblut</b>
THAT the Fordwich Parks will not be charged any rental cost for Arena ice surface on Fall Fair Weekend Oct. 3/09 as this is in conjunction with 150 <sup>th</sup> Fall Fair events.		
		<b>CARRIED</b>

**PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS**

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

<b>MOTION #148/09</b>	<b>Moved by Scott</b>	<b>Seconded by Versteeg</b>
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes payment of accounts in the amount of <b>\$133,720.08</b> under date May 5, 2009 as cheques #8063 to #8099 inclusive, as presented and discussed at the Regular Council meeting held May 5th, 2009.		
		<b>CARRIED</b>

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

The following report as at May 1st was circulated in the Council package:

**PUBLIC WORKS STAFF OPERATIONS**

**ROADS**

- Plow equipment off ready to be painted
- Retrieving
- Grading continues
- Tree planting complete

### **MAINTENANCE GRAVEL**

The frost has been slow coming out this year. It appears like we won't be starting gravel until the third week of May. Complaints about dust are already coming in.

### **FORDWICH STREET CONSTRUCTION**

Hanna & Hamilton Construction plan to start in Fordwich around the third week of May. They plan on doing most of the County's work first and then doing ours. Information on this project will be sent out next week to all village residents. The project should be completed by the end of August.

### **TRUCK ROADEO**

66 drivers took part in the Rodeo this year. Doug Chapman was the winner from Huron County and Doug Quigley was the Wellington County winner. Both winners had perfect scores of 385 points. They will go to Niagara Region for the Provincial Championship in September. Sandy scored 322 points and Ralph 330.

In response to a question about a gift for Mr. Chapman, Mr. Wilson felt that payment of all time and expenses for Mr. Chapman to attend the provincial competition would be sufficient reward.

### **STREET SWEEPING**

North Perth should be here within the next couple of weeks to sweep the village streets

### **BUILDING - NO REPORT**

### **DRAINAGE**

#### **MUNICIPAL DRAIN LOANS**

In the past, Howick Township has provided loans to landowners who have a net assessment of more than \$10,000.00 on a municipal drain. These loans were 1% above our cost of borrowing and had a repayment over three years. There are 4 property owners with net assessments over \$10,000.00 – 2 on Branch D and 2 on Branch E. There are no net assessments over \$10,000.00 on Branch A. Would Council consider loans on this project?

Treasurer Farinha confirmed that the Township's borrowing capacity could support offering the loans, and Council agreed that the Township would finance loans if requested by landowners.

### **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - NO REPORT**

### **LANDFILL - NO REPORT**

### **OTHER - NO REPORT**

### **CORRESPONDENCE** (Information only)

- ONTARIO AGGREGATE RESOURCES CORPORATION – Information regarding the rehabilitation of abandoned gravel pits. (one in Howick at Lot 19, Conc. C)
- MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY– This is the notice of the passing of the Official Plan Amendment that was circulated to Council in March

### **CLERKS REPORT**

The following report as at May 1st and copies of supporting information were circulated in the Council package:

#### **Accessibility**

##### **Huron County Accessibility**

Reeve Demaray, Treasurer Farinha and I attended the April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting in Clinton to learn about the County's Accessibility "Customer Service" Policy and the staff training program to be presented this year. Instead, we received a lengthy presentation on the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* by a gentleman from the Provincial Ministry, and nothing about County Policy and training. A folder containing a good deal of information on 'Customer Service' standards is available for your perusal, and the Accessibility Directorate has provided a CD collection of resources to assist with compliance.

In order to meet the January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 deadline for compliance, Howick must adopt a Customer Service Policy, and train our staff, which is to be done in conjunction with County training. The training may not get underway until the County fills the 'Accessibility Co-ordinator' position. Regarding the Customer Service Policy, it was suggested that each lower tier municipality could adapt and adopt its own version of the County Policy. Attached is a preliminary draft policy for Council's review and comment on the content. Once the content has been approved, the format will be adjusted (ie. numbering), and a by-law drafted to adopt the policy.

**Emergency Management**

**PRISM 911 – Protective Response Interactive Services Management 911**

Deputy Reeve Yungblut, Councillor Scott and I attended the PRISM 911 presentation in Wingham on April 27<sup>th</sup> to learn about this notification system recently purchased by the County of Huron (copy of information pamphlet attached). The system is used to notify the public in emergency situations and can alert persons within a specific area about such things as Boil Water advisories; Missing Persons; Flooding; Chemical Spill; etc.

The County will undertake a public education campaign, and is developing a form to be sent out to all residents of Huron County requesting name, address and phone information, to ensure that everyone is accounted for in the system and the information is up-to-date.

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

Reeve Demaray, Councillors Henhoeffter and Scott, Treasurer Farinha and I attended the MFIPPA Basic Orientation seminar in Mildmay on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Copies of the presentation are available for the Council members who were unable to attend.

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

Enclosed is a copy of the agenda for the upcoming AMCTO Zone 2 meeting to be held in Blyth on May 14<sup>th</sup>. We have tentatively submitted registration for 1 to attend, with Council's approval and authorization.

**MOTION #149/09**

**Moved by Scott**

**Seconded by Henhoeffter**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the attendance of the following at the AMCTO Zone 2 Spring Meeting being held in Blyth on May 14<sup>th</sup>, and agrees to pay the registration fee of \$40.00 and any other costs associated with attendance at this event: Treasurer Farinha. **CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE Requiring Council Action** (copies attached)

1. **Association of Municipalities of Ontario** – Criteria and request for nominations to the 2009-2010 AMO Board of Directors. Noted & discussed. Action: File
2. **Avon Maitland District School Board** – invitation to send one Council representative to meet with the Board Trustees at 2:00 pm on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at the office in Seaforth. RSVP is requested by May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION #150/09**

**Moved by Versteeg**

**Seconded by Scott**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the attendance of the following at the Avon Maitland District School Board Trustees meeting in Seaforth on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and agrees to pay any costs associated with attendance at this meeting: Reeve Demaray **CARRIED**

3. **City of Stratford** – invitation to attend the Stratford Festival Theatre “Civic Night” on Wed. June 17<sup>th</sup> for the performance of “West Side Story”. Noted & discussed. Action: File
4. **Wroxeter Park Board** – response to Council's request for the names of Smart Serve trained workers who will be working at the Recreation Slo-Pitch Tournament.

Clerk Johnson added that she received an inquiry about whether Council will pay for Smart Serve training for new Board Members. Council confirmed that they will pay for Board members only, and asked the Clerk to check with Mr. Skillen about when the next course will be presented. The information will be forwarded to all Township Boards.

**MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS** - none

**BY-LAWS** - none

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Belmore Community Centre Board** - no report

**Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP)** - next meeting May 13th

**County of Huron** - next meeting May 6th

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

### **Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)**

Councillor Versteeg reported on the Climate Change Workshop presented by MVCA:

- Brian Luinstra (former MVCA Employee) examined climate change trends in this area using data from the past 10 years, finding that generally temperature levels have remained constant, but we are experiencing more severe weather events and greater fluctuations.
- Local Municipalities reported on activities they have undertaken to mitigate environmental impact, such as:
  - planting 2-3 trees for each one cut;
  - reducing grass cutting by eliminating areas that are not utilized by the public;
  - planting tree windbreaks to cut down on snowplowing
  - one municipality that has little tree cover has hired tree-planting staff, has a greenhouse to grow seedlings, and has planted 27 km of windbreaks

Discussion turned to what Howick is doing in this regard, and PWC Wilson advised that the Public Works department plants roadside trees each year – at least double the number of trees cut. Areas were identified where grass-cutting might be eliminated, and ways of reducing fuel emissions was also discussed.

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

#### **MVCA Source Water Protection (SWP)**

Councillor Versteeg reported that the Committee traveled to Tuckersmith Township to view 2 major sink hole sites. One of the sites, with limestone bedrock, drains an area of about 1,000 acres and research is underway to determine where this water ends up. The other site is a crater about 150' wide and 50' deep.

A major challenge for the Source Protection Committees is to calculate the 2-year time-of-travel for groundwater to determine the area of intake protection zones for wells. Mr. Luinstra has been providing his services toward this end to the Saugeen Source Protection Committee.

#### **SVCA Source Water Protection (SWP)**

A copy of Minutes of the March 27<sup>th</sup> SVCA Source Protection Committee was circulated in the Council package.

#### **Wheels Away**

Councillor Scott reported:

- The office has been relocated to Josephine Street in Wingham (near Post Office) and signage should be up soon.
- It is hoped that this more visible location will draw more business
- Ridership is still down, mainly due to competition from other local transportation services
- Morris-Turnberry's Clerk-Administrator is investigating allowable uses of the Gas Tax funding available to the organization.
- Keil Insurance attended to discuss the annual insurance. Consideration is being given to increasing the liability from \$5 million to \$10 million.

#### **Wingham Area Fire**

Reeve Demaray and Deputy Reeve Yungblut reported:

- At a Special Meeting of the Fire Board, all agreed to employ the services of another Appraiser to provide a 2<sup>nd</sup> appraisal. Only the trucks will be appraised, at a cost of \$200. for each vehicle. This will be undertaken in the near future.
- Plans were finalized for the Employer Appreciation Night taking place May 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Howick Fire Department**

Reeve Demaray visited the Hanover Police Dispatch and obtained a sample agreement for provision of dispatch services for the Howick fire department (copies provided to all).

One matter to be attended to as soon as possible is to determine an appropriate name for our Fire Department. Council will consult with the firefighters on this matter.

Hanover is glad to be of service to Howick and the transition will be simple since we are already in their system under the present Fire Board contract. A 2-year contract will be required, and cost is based on population. The basic level of service will cost \$1.35 per person. In the event that Howick is requested to provide fire services to a section of Morris-Turnberry, we will need to determine the area and population involved, in order to include that in the contract. Ms. Hutchison of Hanover Dispatch has volunteered to attend a Council meeting to discuss the services.

### **COUNCILLORS ISSUES**

#### **County Health Board**

Reeve Demaray noted that a local business man contacted him about a problem that he has been attempting to discuss with Ms. Rognvaldson, who is a member of the County Health

Board, but he has been unsuccessful in making contact with her. Reeve Demaray was informed that Ms. Rognvaldson had been away on vacation.

### **Howick Garden Club Beautification Project**

Reeve Demaray asked if the Garden Club was proceeding with the flower box project, and advised that he received criticism that the Club was planning to make purchases from other than local sources. Councillor Henhoeffler responded that no decisions have been made due to concerns raised about placing flower boxes on the bridges in the villages, and the matter will be discussed further at the meeting next week. She felt that perhaps the criticism stems from the fact that at the last meeting members were looking at catalogues only for the purpose of getting some indication of prices.

### **Fordwich Tire**

Councillor Scott reported that Mr. Stan is not satisfied with the amended letter sent to him recently regarding the property standards issues. He was of the opinion that he would be allowed to leave a pile of "scrap" tires in front of his building awaiting pickup. Councillor Scott suggested that he arrange to have the tires picked up more often to keep tires to a minimum and keep the area neat and tidy.

Council agreed that he is not allowed to accumulate a large pile of tires in front of the building.

### **Matters Dealt with in Closed Session**

Regarding an issue raised recently by Council, Reeve Demaray questioned a municipal advisor and was informed that any matter discussed in closed session of a Municipal Board may also be brought forward and discussed in a closed session of the Municipal Council that has representatives on that Board.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **MOTION #151/09**

**Moved by Scott**

**Seconded by Henhoeffler**

THAT Howick Township Council at this time (8:50 pm) closes this portion of the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 (2)(a),(b),(c),(d),(e)*, to deal with personal and potential legal matters.

CARRIED

### **Matters Discussed in Closed Session**

- Minutes of Closed Session held April 21st , 2009 (approved by Resolution #152/09)
- Legal Matter – Wingham Area Fire Board

### **MOTION #153/09**

**Moved by Scott**

**Seconded by Henhoeffler**

THAT Howick Township Council now re-opens the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Regular Council meeting to the public at this time (9:00 pm).

CARRIED

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

### **a) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**

- Alert No. 09/024 – Ministry of Environment approves *Used Tires Program Plan*
- Alert No. 09/026 -

### **b) Human Resources & Skills Development Canada** – seeking nominations for 2009 Therese Casgrain Volunteer Award

### **c) Ministry of Health** – Important Notice for Healthcare Professionals – Clusters of severe respiratory illness in Mexico

### **d) Middlesex-London Health Unit** - Infection control strategies for influenza;

- i. Swine Influenza Public Update #1 and advice
- ii. New H1N1 Influenza Public Update #2
- iii. Six Simple Steps to Help Keep You and Me Healthy

### **e) Ontario Provincial Police** – Booster Seats Save Lives; Preventing Wildlife Collisions

### **f) Friends of Greenbelt Foundation** – celebrating 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ontario's Greenbelt (booklet available for viewing)

### **g) Municipal Property Assessment Corp** – 2008 Annual Report and Financial Statements (copy available for viewing)

## **CORRESPONDENCE forwarded via E-Mail (April 20 – May 1, 2009)** (No copies attached)

### **a) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**

- Alert No. 09/027 – CRTC changes National Do-Not-Call List – Municipal Candidates now Exempt.

- Alert No. 09/028 – Human Resources & Skills Development Canada ‘*Enabling Accessibility Fund*’ accepting applications from municipalities. Application deadline is May 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Alert No. 09/030 – Report on April 2009 Board Meeting
  - AMO/ROMA – Update from April 2009 ROMA Board Meeting
  - AMO/LAS – Audit ++ Program Report Results being distributed to municipalities.
- b) **Ministry of Health** - thehealthline.ca Bulletin, April 20, 2009  
- Important Health Notice: Update to human swine influenza situation
- c) **Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing** – Notice of Public Consultation on Provincial Policy Statement “Performance Monitoring Initiative”.
- d) **Minister Responsible for Seniors** – June is Seniors’ Month: June 15<sup>th</sup> is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.
- e) **Carol Mitchell MPP** – acknowledging letters supporting resolutions re. Firefighters and Funding to Conservation Authorities.
- f) **Source Water Protection** – information re. Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program – Early Actions Funding.
- g) **ABCA/MVCA Source Protection** – invitation to attend announcement of funding program.
- h) **Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks & Treasurers** – Legislative Update April 21, 2009
- i) **Land Use Council** – mandate and mission of Public Service Coalition advocating for transparency, accountability, justice and public engagement in government regulation of private land.
- j) **Forum Magazine** – March-April 2009 electronic version
- k) **Maureen Anderson, Wind Concerns** – copy of response from Mayor of Uxbridge to a letter from a Shelburne area resident concerning impact of wind farms on people in the vicinity.
- l) **Lynda Rotteau, CEMC, Town of Goderich** – information re. Emergency Preparedness Week
- m) **City of Stratford** – Civic Night at Festival Theatre June 17<sup>th</sup>
- n) **County of Huron** – Update from Medical Officer of Health re. “swine flu” situation
- o) **Huron Business Development**
- HBDC 2008 Annual Report
  - Huron Women In Networking Dinner April 30<sup>th</sup> in Holmesville
  - Local Artists final business workshop May 6<sup>th</sup> in Blyth
  - *Business and Work in Huron County* April Newsletter
  - HBDC *Small Business Success* Newsletter
- p) **Huron Tourism**
- Huron Historical Society hosting ham dinner at Anglican Church, Brussels April 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Bruce County Tourism 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Brochure Swap May 6<sup>th</sup> at Parks Canada Visitor Centre in Tobermory
  - Blyth Festival special performance of “Come Back to the Gym Mary Lou” May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Huron Ridges Acres, Zurich - Culinary Gardening workshops April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup>  
- “Welcome Spring” Open House May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 – 5:00
  - Hessenland Country Inn 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Wedding Fair, April 25-26
  - The Livery Theatre, Goderich – 2 comedies opening May 1<sup>st</sup> “The Death of Me” & “Black Comedy”
  - Author Jose Latour at Martha Ritz House May 1<sup>st</sup> – Last call for Dessert & Coffee tickets
  - Blyth Festival celebrates Canadian Country Music – one-time concert on May 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Foragers Foods - Fresh & News April 30<sup>th</sup>

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **MOTION #154/09**

**Moved by Scott**

**Seconded by Versteeg**

THAT Howick Township Council now adjourns the May 5th, 2009 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council at 9:01 pm, with Council to meet again at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

**CARRIED**

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CLERK