

TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2007 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
Brad Watt, Recreation/Facilities Supervisor

Reporter Wingham Advance Times

Delegations Paul Nichol, Huron Economic Development Manager
Dan McClory, Zarchy Thompson

Others Fordwich Village Management: Peter King, Jack Ruttan
Gorrie Village Management: Bill Krotz, Dave Shaw
Wroxeter Village Management: Peter Holland, Dale Hunt
Corinne Harding; Rosemary Rognvaldson; John Wilson

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 October 2nd Regular Council Meeting were circulated in the Council package.

MOTION #285/07	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Henhoeffter
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves, as circulated, the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 2 nd , 2007.		CARRIED

DELEGATION #1 (7:03 pm)

Paul Nichol, Huron Economic Development Manager

Paper copies were provided of Mr. Nichol's presentation "*Huron Economic Development Matters – Helping Entrepreneurs Make Good Things Happen in Huron County*". Mr. Nichol also presented staff and Council members with personalized binders containing a copy of the premier issue of the '*Huron Economic Development Matters*' quarterly newsletter.

Mr. Nichol described the 15-year evolution of the present initiative which is a partnership of the County of Huron, the Huron Business Development Corporation (HBDC) and Industry Canada. In May of 2007 funding was received from the provincial Rural Economic Development Program (RED), and this money combined with commitments from Huron County and the HBDC provides \$450,000.00 of funding available for Huron development projects.

Mr. Nichol listed "what gets done", including business financing, job creation, youth initiatives, and counseling services. He explained the "3 pillars" of the economic development program – (1) *Economic Growth* includes business planning, industry call, manufacturing excellence, and "invest-in-Huron" promotion;

(2) *Youth Engagement* provides business plan completion, summer company program, youth skills technical/trades initiatives, youth mentoring, and economic development internships; (3) *Community Revitalization* assists with business retention and expansion, downtown revitalization, 'newcomer' programs to bring new people to the community, and getting new ideas and input for local development.

A chart outlined the annual funding available within each of the categories, and Mr. Nichol explained that any group or organization in Huron County may apply for funding for a project which complies with the following criteria:

- Identifies with some or all of the above-listed priorities of the program
- Applicants must contribute a financial and/or in-kind share
- Must benefit Huron County communities, organizations, businesses, people.

The structure of the tri-lateral partnership (County/Provincial/Federal) was outlined, from which the "management team" is derived, and Mr. Nichol provided information about the new staff associated with the program.

Responding to questions, Mr. Nichol advised that if a group or organization has an idea for a project, it is not necessarily a requirement to apply through the municipal council. You may call him directly to discuss it and obtain the guidelines for preparation of a proposal to submit to the management team. The team meets monthly (usually the last Friday of the month) at which time they evaluate any applications received. There is no stipulated minimum for project funding, and the ideal share formula would be 50% each, but that is not prescriptive. Asked if municipal buildings would qualify, he noted that the funding is not for capital projects. Some examples of past projects include: Chamber of Commerce 'Ambassador Program'; Immigrant Sponsorship; Health Care initiatives such as Med-Quest to encourage students to look at the health care field; local cheese-making enterprise; Countryside Energy Co-operative Wind farm project; small business loans; value-added agricultural products.

Reeve Demaray thanked Mr. Nichol for his information and advice, and Mr. Nichol left the meeting at this time (7:35 pm).

Ms. Rognvaldson asked if Council will be providing some leadership in regard to economic development for Howick Township, suggesting that a committee be formed for this purpose to ensure that Howick gets a share of these taxpayer dollars. Reeve Demaray noted that this would be addressed within the context of Howick's ongoing Strategic Planning process.

At this time, all the visitors left the meeting.

DELEGATION #2 - not present at this time

COUNCILLOR'S ISSUES

Councillor Meeting and Expense Statements

Reeve Demaray noted that members of Council have sometimes been tardy in submitting their monthly statement to the Deputy Treasurer. Since the payroll cannot be processed until all statements have been received, he reminded members to be more diligent in getting the information in on time.

Wroxeter Hall Board – Smart Serve Course

The Wroxeter Hall Board recently offered a 'Smart Serve' training session and purchased 33 kits for this purpose in the Township's name. Reeve Demaray advised that the Hall Board has returned the billing of \$825.00 for the kits, believing that the Township should pay for this training because the Municipal Alcohol Policy requires that trained workers be in attendance at alcohol licenced events in Township facilities.

It was noted there was no prior request for this funding, nor authorization for the expenditure. At the time the Alcohol Policy was implemented, the Township paid for the members of the local boards to take this training – a one-time expense. If Council intends to open up training to the general public, it is necessary to budget for such expense. Those who attended this course were not specifically Township Board members, and some were not Township residents. It was argued that these people will be volunteering to work at community functions. A suggestion was made that there should be a central registry available for reference of all 'Smart Serve' certified residents. It was noted that there is a list of those who previously took the training and received their certificate.

After some discussion, Council agreed that when the Hall Board provides a list to the Township of those Howick residents who took the course and received their certificate, Council will authorize payment of the cost for those people. Payment will not be made for non-residents, nor for the re-certification required every five years.

Mayor's Dinner – Huron United Way Fundraiser

Reeve Demaray reminded Council of the upcoming event to be held November 21st in Goderich. He plans to attend, and will donate a set of Howick history books.

PUBLIC WORKS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The following report as at October 12, 2007 was circulated in the Council package:

ROADS

2008 PICKUP TRUCK QUOTATIONS

Tenders are to be delivered by 4:00 p.m. on October 16th. The following summary was provided at the meeting for Council's review:

Dealer Name	Make	Price with trade	Price - No trade	Per Specs
Tim Haines	Chevrolet	\$26,163.00	\$34,713.00	Yes
Larry Hudson	GMC	\$27,876.42	\$34,146.42	Yes
Leslie Motors	Ford	\$32,946.00	\$37,164.00	Yes
Tolton Motors	Ford	No Bid	\$34,135.02	Yes
Listowel City Ford	Ford	No Bid	\$34,439.40	Yes
Dosman's Garage	Dodge	\$39,990.00	\$46,170.00	Yes
Waterloo Nissan	Nissan		\$38,938.98	Yes
Guelph Infiniti Nissan	Nissan		\$40,398.18	Yes
Hanover Chrysler	Dodge	No Bid	No Bid	
Walkerton Toyota	Toyota	No Bid	No Bid	
Bridge Motors	Ford	No Bid	No Bid	
Harriston Motors	Chevrolet	No Bid	No Bid	
Arthur Chrysler	Dodge	No Bid	No Bid	
Listowel Chrysler	Dodge	No Bid	No Bid	

Mr. Wilson added that the 2001 trade-in truck has 228,000 km on the odometer. The tender called for a 4 x 4, extended cab, with an LT package.

MOTION #286/07 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Yungblut**
 THAT Howick Township Council awards the tender for purchase of a pickup truck to Tim Haines at the tendered purchase price of \$26,163.00 with trade. **CARRIED**

DELEGATION #2 (8:00 pm) - **Closed Session**

MOTION #287/07 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Versteeg**
 THAT Howick Township Council at this time (8:00 pm) closes this portion of the October 16th, 2007 Regular Council meeting in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 (2) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)* to deal with employee matters, employee negotiations, litigation matters, and/or land acquisition or land disposition. **CARRIED**

Matters discussed in Closed Session:

- Litigation – damage at municipal facility.
- Recreation/Facilities Supervisor position - Applications received.
- Minutes of Closed Session held October 2nd, 2007 (Minutes approved by Resolution #288/07).
- By-Law Enforcement Officer's Report.
- Employee matters.

MOTION #289/07 **Moved by Versteeg** **Seconded by Scott**
 THAT Howick Township Council now re-opens the October 16th, 2007 Regular Council meeting to the public at this time (8:58 pm). **CARRIED**

RECREATION/FACILITIES MANAGER'S REPORT

Update on Repairs

CIMCO has completed the replacement of the chiller and it has passed inspection. Unfortunately, the new compressor installed by Black & McDonald did not pass TSSA inspection, and more work was required. It is hoped that all will be completed by tomorrow and ice-making will begin, so we will only be a couple of days behind the anticipated schedule. Several area arenas have had similar equipment problems this year. In the meantime, the teams are making up ice time at other facilities.

implement policies which are in conflict with the Drainage Act. Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is apparently taking a similar approach but has not circulated a policy document.

A Fact Sheet is enclosed that outlines some of DSAO's issues with the Conservation Authorities proposed policies. It is our understanding that the Ministry of Natural Resources are pushing for the implementation of these policies.

DSAO sent a letter to the Minister of Natural Resources and the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs asking for an amendment to the Conservation Authorities Act. A copy of that letter is also enclosed.

DSAO is asking all municipalities in Ontario for support on this issue. If Council agrees with DSAO's position, a "draft resolution" is enclosed for your consideration. We would ask that it be sent to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Minister of Natural Resources. Copies should also be sent to those agencies listed at the bottom of the Minister's letter and also to AMO.

MOTION #292/07

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Yungblut

WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities have passed Regulations under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act and are developing new Policies and Procedures that conflict with the Drainage Act thereby placing Ontario Municipalities in an untenable position,
AND WHEREAS improvements maintenance and construction activities on Municipal Drains are environmentally friendly and include such measures as sediment control structures, erosion protection, grassed waterways, natural channel design, buffer strips, vegetation, trees and shrub plantings, the creation of wetland restoration projects, creation of fish habitat features, all paid for by the private landowners within the watershed of the Municipal Drains,
AND WHEREAS the municipalities in Ontario are required through Section 74 of the Drainage Act to repair and maintain all municipal drains as they are a critical part of agricultural infrastructure in Ontario,
AND WHEREAS some of the policies from the new regulations require Environmental Impact Reports, Hydraulic Impact Studies, Floodplain Analysis Studies or any Study deemed appropriate by the Conservation Authority,
AND WHEREAS these additional studies are unnecessary and will only add significant additional cost to the Municipal Drain Project that may have to be paid for by the landowner, however, there are no provisions in the Drainage Act for Municipalities to charge these additional costs to the landowners, therefore the municipalities will have to bear the cost in addition to the assessments against lands under Municipal jurisdiction,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minister of Natural Resources be petitioned to revise the regulations under Section 28 of the Conservation Authorities Act to exclude Municipal Drains,
AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Natural Resources, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario, Land Improvement Contractors of Ontario, Ontario Society of Professional Engineers Land Drainage Committee, Conservation Ontario, Ontario Good Road Association, and Association of Ontario Road Supervisors.
CARRIED

Drainage Engineer's Conference – The agenda for this conference is enclosed. I would request permission to attend. The cost is \$165.00 which includes lunch and coffee.

MOTION #293/07

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Public Works Co-ordinator to attend the Drainage Engineers Conference being held in Guelph on October 26th, 2007, and agrees to pay the registration fee of \$174.90 (GST included) and any other costs associated with his attendance at this conference.
CARRIED

TILE DRAIN LOAN BY-LAW

A Tile Drain By-law will be available for council's consideration. This will authorize the Tile Drain Loan for owners of Lots 12 & 13, Concession 2. (See By-Law No. 34-2007)

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - NO REPORT

LANDFILL

MINISTRY OF THE ENVIROMENT (MOE) INSPECTION

Randy Brown from the Ministry was at the landfill site on October 11th to complete an inspection of the site. Public Works staff and Landfill Site staff had the site in good shape for this inspection. We will receive a Report in the near future. He made comments on a couple of minor issues. Mr. Willson added that the issues were not related to operation of the site, but concerned labelling on the test wells.

Mr. Brown telephoned after the inspection to advise that he will be returning to the site to measure the tire pile to determine if it is in compliance with Fire Code regulation. It may be necessary to remove a significant portion of the tires in order to comply. Mr. Wilson noted that

the contractor who had been removing the tires is no longer in business, and that he has been attempting to find another.

STEWARDSHIP ONTARIO

We received our second quarterly payment amounting to \$3,756.05. The enclosed letter describes the “Municipal Blue Box Recycling Program” from which the funding flows.

OTHER

SWIMMING POOL RENOVATION

Tenders/Quotations – We had suggested that the tenders/quotations for the pool would be available for Oct. 30th. Since that time, a couple of issues have delayed getting the documents out to the Contractors and we don’t believe they would have enough time to bid. Could we extend the date from October 30th until November 6th? Council agreed to the extension.

Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee (HCAAC) – The building plans were delivered to the HCAAC Building Review Committee. A copy of their comments on the plans is enclosed. The Committee noted “the plans look very good from an accessibility stand-point”, and made recommendations concerning entrances, signage, colour and texture use for visual impairments, and grab bars. Also included were recommendations for future renovation of the pool, including use of colour and texture contrasts, and a ramp into the pool.

TREASURERY REPORT

The following report and financial statements prepared by Deputy Treasurer Weishar were provided as addenda at the meeting:

Financial Statements

The following statements as at September 30th, 2007 were provided:

- Howick Community Centre
- Howick Community Pool
- Township General Accounts (detailed)
- Township Capital Status

Staff Training

Deputy Treasurer Weishar attended the Hicks and Morley Conference last Wednesday, about Employment Law Updates. Several lawyers spoke about Terminations, Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, Employment Standards, WSIB, Health and Safety, Human Rights, Municipal Bargaining, and OMERS. There were a number of good points made, but much of the information was more driven to employers with unions. They stressed the Ministry of Labour has now hired over 200 new inspectors who are very anxious to do workplace reviews and inspections

This Thursday and Friday Ms. Weishar will be attending the annual USTI User forum in London (Accounting Software provider).

CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk’s report as at October 12th and copies of related information were circulated in the Council package:

Organizational Review

Please bring the information provided at last meeting for further discussion and decision.

MOTION #294/07	Moved by Versteeg	Seconded by Yungblut
THAT Howick Township Council has reviewed and discussed the draft proposal of “Services and Deliverables” presented by W & U HR Solutions relating to the contract for an Organizational Review, and Council hereby accepts the proposals as outlined in the information presented on October 2, 2007, and authorizes the firm of W & U HR Solutions to proceed with the project.		
		CARRIED

It was clarified that item #8 in the proposal would consist of a Pay Equity check as at Jan. 1, 2008 at no extra charge.

Saugeen, Grey Sauble, North Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee

The list of nominees for a representative on the Source Protection Committee for the Group 3 municipalities must be submitted by October 19th. There has been a flurry of e-mails among the Group 3 municipalities to sort out the process and come to a consensus. So far we have

2 nominees – Les Nichols from South Bruce and Charlie Bagnato from Brockton (information on both provided previously). The list of nominees must be approved jointly by all of the Group 3 municipalities by Council resolution.

MOTION #295/07

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Scott

WHEREAS the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region is calling for nominations for the appointment of Municipal Representatives to serve on the Source Protection Committee,

AND WHEREAS Howick Township Council has received expressions of interest from two candidates seeking nomination to represent the municipalities included in Group 3 of the above-noted Source Protection Region,

NOW THEREFORE Howick Township Council accepts and supports the nominations of Mr. Les Nichols of the Municipality of South Bruce and Mr. Charlie Bagnato of the Municipality of Brockton, AND FURTHER THAT Howick Township Council, in conjunction with the municipalities comprising Group 3, hereby approves and submits to the Saugeen Source Protection Authority this list of two nominees above-named to be considered for appointment to the Source Protection Committee to represent the municipalities in Group 3.

CARRIED

Emergency Management

1. EMO Tecumseh Sector Meeting (see agenda attached) will be held in Clinton on Oct. 24th. I respectfully request authorization to attend.

MOTION #296/07

Moved by Yungblut

Seconded by Scott

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Clerk to attend the Emergency Management Sector Meeting being held in Clinton on October 24th, 2007, and agrees to pay the costs of attendance at this meeting.

CARRIED

2. EMO Conference (see information attached) – “*The Future of Emergency Management in Ontario*” to be held in Aylmer on December 10-12. The letter of invitation from Steve Beatty to CEMC’s indicates that the program, accommodations (2 nights) and meals are at no cost. Registration must be submitted by October 31st.

Clerk Johnson noted that the former Administrator-Treasurer had discussed scheduling a CEMC training session. She would look into whether or not that has been done.

3. Meeting with EMO Officer Steve Beatty – Mr. Beatty will be meeting with Reeve Demaray and I on Tues. Oct. 23rd to review and assist with our 2007 program compliance.
4. Reminder: Emergency Control Group training session: 9:00 am Nov. 8th at Howick Office. Mr. Beatty has indicated that the workshop presentation will take about 4 hours. Should we arrange for a lunch? There will be 15 – 20 people attending.

Council agreed that a light lunch should be provided. Clerk Johnson will ask the Howick Institute group if they would be interested in catering.

Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee

The Committee has submitted a draft of proposed “Site Plan Control Guidelines” for review and comment. (copy included separately). The guidelines will assist municipalities in assessing plans and designs for accessibility compliance. A forum for Clerks and Building Officials is planned for October 29th to get input. When the Committee feels the document is satisfactory, each Council will be asked to adopt the Guidelines. Would Council authorize the Clerk and CBO to attend the forum? If Council members would review the guidelines and report back to me, we could take your input to the forum.

MOTION #297/07

Moved by Yungblut

Seconded by Scott

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Clerk and the Public Works Co-ordinator to attend the Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee forum to be held in Goderich on October 29th, 2007, and agrees to pay the cost of attendance at this event.

CARRIED

Strategic Planning

Just a reminder about the Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 30th to identify Action Plans for achieving the strategic plan goals and objectives. Staff reviewed the information at the staff meeting held on October 3rd, and that input will be provided at the Special Meeting.

Council / Staff Christmas Social

During the Staff meeting held October 3rd, several suggestions and options were presented, and Administrative Assistant Michele did some research on those suggestions. The most cost-

effective choice, and one that was agreeable to all the staff was a dinner and show package at the Black Forest Inn, Conestogo on Friday Nov. 16th (see information attached). This option is being presented for Council's approval, and if acceptable, we will need to know as soon as possible how many Council members and spouses will attend.

MOTION #298/07	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Versteeg
THAT Howick Township Council hereby accepts and approves the recommendation of staff that the 2007 Council / Staff Christmas social be held at the Black Forest Inn, Conestogo Ontario and agrees to pay the cost of the dinner and show for Council and staff members and their respective spouse / partner / guest.		
		CARRIED

Signage at Howick Community Centre & Library

The Huron County Library Board is requesting that we add signage outside at the Howick Community Centre to make it known visually that the library is also located there. We could simply add "& LIBRARY" to the "HOWICK COMMUNITY CENTRE" lettering on the building. The Clerk was instructed to contact a local contractor to get a quotation for the lettering.

As well, there apparently have been comments from visitors about the lack of directional signage inside the building ie. to washrooms, auditorium, elevator, etc. Clerk Johnson advised that this was discussed with Mr. Watt who has advised that this matter is already being attended to.

Discussion re. Copying Correspondence

It was my understanding that AMO would be forwarding the 'Alert' and 'FYI' bulletins directly to Council members via e-mail. Is this being done? If so, it is not necessary for us to include copies of these items in the Council package. If not, the information is easily accessible on the AMO web site at www.amo.on.ca. May I have your thoughts on ceasing the inclusion of copies of AMO information bulletins unless it is a matter that requires Council action. Council members noted that they have not been receiving AMO e-mails directly, but will access the site for information in the future, and agreed that the Clerk should include only those bulletins that request Council's action.

Closed Session (NOTE: Closed session held earlier during meeting)

- Information will be provided concerning the McClory / Thompson delegation.
- Minutes of the closed session held October 2nd, 2007 will be available for Council's perusal.
- By-Law Enforcement Officer's report will be provided.
- Former Employee - final pay calculation.

CORRESPONDENCE Requiring Council Action

1. **Ontario Good Roads Association** – seeking nominations for 2008-09 Board of Directors.
Noted and discussed. Action: File
2. **Heart & Stroke Foundation** – seeking assistance in finding leaders to run the door-to-door canvass in Howick Township.
To assist the local Foundation, this information will be posted on the Township's web site.
3. **Wroxeter Hall Board** – adding new member to Board. Resolution required to amend the appointing By-Law.

MOTION #299/07	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Versteeg
THAT Howick Township Council hereby amends By-Law No. 14-2007, being a by-law to appoint members to the Township's Municipal Service Boards, to add new member Murray McLean to the Wroxeter Hall Board.		
		CARRIED

ADDENDUM

4. **Gorrie Hall Board** – request for financial assistance to pay for roof repair.

MOTION #300/07	Moved by Versteeg	Seconded by Scott
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes payment of a no-interest loan in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Gorrie Hall Board, with a 3-year term of repayment.		
		CARRIED

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS

1. **Brock, Township of** – requesting the Ministry of Environment to adhere to recommendations of its own Panel of Experts by acknowledging paper fiber bio-solids as a waste, by

removing the exemption status for Sound-sorb and Nitro-sorb, and by imposing regulatory control of a Certificate of Approval or legal instrument that provides protection for human health and the environment. Noted and discussed. Action: File

2. **Brockton, Municipality of** – requesting the following:
THAT the Province to revisit the funding formula for Conservation Authorities to increase funding to allow for enhanced staffing levels to enable more timely response to development proposals,
THAT in the absence of additional funding, the Province refine and streamline the mandate of Conservation Authorities to ensure provision of timely professional services, and further, investigate availability of engineering, planning, development and environmental expertise to determine a more cost-effective method of delivering services that Conservation Authorities are now unable to provide in a timely manner, or that municipalities be given the ability to opt out of funding the Conservation Authority where it is unable to provide the required services in a timely manner. Noted and discussed. Action: File
3. **Burpee and Mills, Township of** – requesting that the Province directly refund to Ontario municipalities the 75% Farmland, Managed Forest, and Conservation Land tax.

MOTION #301/07 **Moved by Yungblut** **Seconded by Scott**
THAT Howick Township Council received and discussed at this meeting the resolution from the Township of Burpee and Mills requesting that the Province directly refund to Ontario municipalities the 75% Farmland, Managed Forest, and Conservation Land tax, and Howick Council hereby resolves to SUPPORT the resolution from the Township of Burpee and Mills. CARRIED

4. **North Dumfries, Township of** – requesting that the Province consider increasing fees and royalties charged to aggregate operators, and use this additional revenue for providing MNR with resources to staff an enforcement branch to adequately ensure long-term viability of the aggregate industry and responsible protection of environmental and human health of communities surrounding aggregate operations. Noted and discussed. Action: File
5. **Wellington North, Township of** – requesting that the Minister of Environment reduce the lead sampling requirements for small municipal water systems, and that municipalities with numerous small water systems be allowed to consolidate the systems for the purpose of identifying total population served and perform lead sampling proportionately based on total population served. Noted and discussed. Action: File

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

The listing of Accounts Payable for October 16th was circulated in the Council package.

MOTION #302/07 **Moved by Versteeg** **Seconded by Scott**
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes payment of accounts in the amount of **\$47,122.23** under date October 16th, 2007 as cheques #6218 to #6252 inclusive, as presented and discussed at the Regular Council meeting held October 16th, 2007. CARRIED

BY-LAWS ADDENDUM

By-Law No. 34-2007 – Tile Drainage Rating (Lot 12-13, Conc. 2)

MOTION #303/07 **Moved by Yungblut** **Seconded by Versteeg**
THAT Howick Township Council gives first, second, and third and final reading to By-Law No. 34-2007, being a Tile Drainage Rating by-law. CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Belmore Community Centre Board - no report

County of Huron

Notes from the Warden’s Economic Development Task Force were circulated in the Council package. Reeve Demaray reported:

- County Council received a demonstration of the new GIS system.
- Funding of \$850,000. is in place for high speed internet service.
- The CAT scanner funding request will be coming back to County Council for reconsideration.
- Gwen Devereau gave a presentation to Council on various health-related issues.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding pay and benefits matters.

Huron County Farm & Home Safety Association – no report

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) - next meeting October 17th

Road Watch Huron

Councillor Henhoeffler reported:

- The committee met in Howick on October 10th
- Continuing to work on the evaluation
- Next meeting November 28th

Source Water Protection

List of members selected to serve on the Source Protection Committee circulated in the Council package. PWC Wilson reported he understands the Committee is now working on the selection of members for the Working Groups, but no information to that effect has been received as yet.

Wheels Away - no report

Wingham Area Fire Board - next meeting November 14th

OTHER

Horse Manure on Village Streets

Reeve Demaray advised that he visited Mr. Mervin Martin to discuss the matter. Mr. Martin believes that now that the bridge is open there should not be a problem. He has requested the Mennonite brethren to avoid traveling through the village if possible. He state that they would like to have a hitching post and manure barrel in the village. Mr. Martin agreed to enquire about the use of pouches on the horses, but he fears it is something that would spook a horse.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY (copies attached)

- a. **Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**
 - i. 'Alert' No. 07/051 – Status of 'Municipal Hazardous/Special Waste Program'.
 - ii. 'Alert' No. 07/052 – Check AMO web site for updated 2007 Campaign Promises.
 - iii. 'Alert' No. 07/053 – BC/Alberta Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement
 - iv. 'FYI' No. 07/021 – AMO 2006 Federal Funding Expenditure Report.
 - v. AMO/LAS – Electricity newsfLASH Fall 2007
- b. **Minister of Fisheries and Oceans** – response to South Stormont resolution requesting review of the drainage construction and maintenance approval process.
- c. **Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services** – clarifying content of local Emergency Plans and protection of personal information.
- d. **Ministry of Health** – The Pandemic Planner Newsletter, Sept. 2007
- e. **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** – inviting participation in a McGill survey to determine an estimate of the current municipal infrastructure deficit across Canada.
- f. **Smart Serve Ontario News** – Smart Serve Training mandatory effective Jan. 1, 2008.
- g. **County of Huron** – Introducing new Forest Conservation Officer Erica Garfat.
- h. **Huron Tourism**
 - i. Amish Tours – in Perth County on Saturdays during October
 - ii. Blyth Festival – Gala Dinner & Auction “Elves & Angels”, Sat. Oct. 27th
- i. **Dale Hunt** – information about LED street lights
- j. **Emily Douglas** – 2007 Howick-Turnberry Fair Ambassador – Thank you for Township Pin

The above correspondence was noted. Action: File

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #304/07	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Scott
THAT Howick Township Council now adjourns the October 16 th , 2007 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council at 10:38 p.m., with Council to meet again at the Special Meeting scheduled for October 30 th , 2007 at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.		
		CARRIED

REEVE

CLERK