

TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 2008 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
Bruce Skillen, Recreation/Facilities Supervisor

Delegations

Rex McClory (*arrived at 7:25 pm*)

Other

Mark Yungblut

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

Copies of draft Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held October 7th and the Special Meeting held October 14th, 2008, were circulated in the Council package.

MOTION #288/08	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Yungblut
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 7th, 2008, as circulated.		
		CARRIED

MOTION #289/08	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Yungblut
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on October 14th, 2008, as circulated.		
		CARRIED

COUNCILLORS' ISSUES

Open Doors Haunted Huron

Councillor Henhoeffler provided positive comments about the event and the good response from the public to the Maitland Mill, which participated in this year's event with the help of Maitland Valley Conservation Authority staff and other interested volunteers. People expressed their support for the efforts to restore the mill and retain its history, and a few local gentlemen offered their services to help fix the milling machinery. Copies of the information flyer produced by Jayne Thompson of Maitland Valley Conservation Authority were provided to Council.

RECREATION/FACILITIES SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The following report was circulated in the Council package:

1. **Gorrie Pool**

Work is progressing well with the demolition and reconstruction of the pool. The pool decking has been removed, new plumbing has been installed and currently new concrete decking is being poured. The building is now down, the new building to start soon.

There is an issue with the old pool filters. One has a crack in the fiberglass body of the filter which probably cannot be repaired. This may mean purchasing new filter(s).

Mr. Skillen's opinion was that both sand filters should be replaced, and he provided price quotes for various types of filters, including the supplier's recommendation for a filter system that "meets the Code", which is much more costly. It was suggested that further research be done about the Code requirements, and seek other price quotes when an appropriate type of filter system has been identified.

Mr. Skillen asked for direction regarding payment of Rintoul's account. He will advise the contractor to submit an itemized statement of work done to date.

In preparation for next season's opening, Mr. Skillen asked for input regarding a source of water for filling the pool. It was suggested he contact Teeswater Creamery.

2008 Final Report: Enclosed is the year-end report from Head Guard Ansley Edgar. The summary reported enrolment numbers for lessons, public swim activities, fundraising events, and recommendations for improvements for next season.

2. Howick Arena

The ice is in and skating started October 15th. The ice installation went well despite the warm temperatures outdoors. The refrigeration plant worked well. Mr. Skillen added that the ice plant was turned on Sunday afternoon after the Fall Fair, and the floor was cold enough by Monday after-noon to begin water application. Flooding and line painting continued over the next few days.

3. Arena Staffing

Part-time staff hired to work (subject to approval) this season are:

- 1 staff at grid step #9
- 1 Staff at grid step #8
- 1 new staff (Dale Hunt) at grid step #5

* Assessing the need to possibly hire a fourth person at step #5.

Concession Booth staff to hire:

- 1 Manager at grid step #7
- 3 students a minimum wage

MOTION #290/08	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Yungblut	
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Recreation/Facilities Supervisor to hire the following seasonal part-time arena staff for the 2008-2009 winter season at the pay rates indicated on the 2008 Pay Grid:			
	Fred Roy, Arena Attendant	Pay Grid Step 9	
	Jeremy Herdman, Arena Attendant	Pay Grid Step 8	
	1 New Arena Attendant	Pay Grid Step 5	
	Lynne Hunt, Arena Booth Manager	Pay Grid Step 7	
	3 Arena Booth Attendants	Student Minimum Wage	CARRIED

4. T.S.S.A. (Technical Standards and Safety Authority) Inspection

TSSA inspected our arena October 14th and a couple of requirements that need to be addressed are: - The compressor room exit door must be equipped with a lighted exit sign.
- All plant doors must be clearly named both internally and externally.

A copy of the TSSA inspection report was included. Council directed that Mr. Skillen comply with the recommendations in the report and make the required changes.

5. Howick Agricultural Society Agreement

As per the Agreement, the Society currently pays to the Township \$100.00 "for added hydro usage attributable to the Society's use of the facility" during the fall fair. This dollar figure may be adequate for the use of the facility (by the Agricultural Society), however, this year we were supplying hydro to the midway amusement crew's 7 or 8 camping and storage trailers for the entire week prior to the fair. As well, they had access to the facility during the week to use the washrooms and showers. Mr. Skillen requested Council's thoughts about amending the Agreement to properly compensate for hydro usage outside the building. He noted it is difficult to segregate and quantify the amount of hydro used solely for fall fair purposes. It has been his experience that these midway crews usually bring their own power generator, which was not the case here.

During discussion it was noted that the situation may change next year as the same midway may not be engaged again. In future, the Fair Board must give the Facility Supervisor advance notice if additional demands such as these are expected so he can be prepared.

Mr. Skillen thanked Council and left the meeting at this time.

DELEGATIONS (7:30 pm)

1. Rex McClory

Mr. McClory returned to Council to further discuss proposed development on his property in the Village of Wroxeter, and to clarify some matters with Mr. Wilson who was not in attendance at the last Council meeting.

Concerning the closure of part of Playford Street, which is adjacent to Mr. McClory’s property, Mr. Wilson advised that he sent the information to the Solicitor with a request for an opinion as to whether or not the road allowance may legally be closed (without land-locking a particular parcel of land). The solicitor has not yet responded to the request.

Mr. McClory asked Mr. Wilson if he could site a modular home on the lot. Mr. Wilson reiterated that Mr. McClory could request in an application for zoning amendment that a mobile home be permitted. The present Village Residential (VR1) zoning on the property does not permit mobile homes.

Mr. McClory asked if the land can be zoned for agricultural use. Mr. Wilson explained that Mr. McClory should identify all of his proposals that need to be addressed in a zone amendment application, such as request to site a mobile home, request for limited agricultural use, request to site a larger than permitted accessory building, all of which can be included in a single application. What no one here can do is give Mr. McClory an absolute guarantee that the application will be approved.

Mr. McClory returned to the issue of closing part of Playford Street, disagreeing that any land would be land-locked. Mr. Wilson reviewed the situation noting that the owners of the property to the south of Mr. McClory have lots on both the east and west sides of the Carroll Street road allowance. Their lots on the east side have access via a right-of-way to the east, but the lots west of Carroll Street (which divides the land into separate parcels) would have no access if Playford Street was closed. There is nothing to prohibit the sale of the lots west of Carroll Street as a separate parcel. The only remedy would be to close up and sell that part of Carroll Street to merge with those lots creating one large parcel. Mr. Wilson suggested that Mr. McClory might be more comfortable getting an opinion from his own solicitor regarding this matter.

Mr. McClory asked Council if there were any objections to his using the Playford Street road allowance for grazing and to cut for hay. Council had no objections to such use, but advised that he cannot erect fences on the road allowance.

Mr. McClory then attempted to take issue with Deputy Reeve Yungblut concerning other matters but was cautioned that this was not the venue for personal attacks.

Mr. McClory addressed Mr. Wilson regarding his complaint about debris dumped at the end of the street. Mr. Wilson advised that he had investigated and contacted the landowner.

Mr. McClory left the Council meeting at 7:43 pm.

Mr. Yungblut let the Council meeting at 7:45 pm.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The following report was circulated in the Council package:

1.) Reserve Insurance

The deductible for each insurance claim is \$10,000. Presently we have \$16,121.70 in account 01-00-0000-33316 Reserve Insurance. I would like Council’s approval to transfer \$3,878.30 from General Reserve account 01-00-0000-33311 to the Insurance Reserve. This will bring the Insurance Reserve to \$20,000 or deductibles for 2 incidents and thus tidy up the account. It is prudent to have adequate funds in the Reserve in anticipation of possible future unexpected events.

MOTION #291/08	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Yungblut
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes and instructs the Treasurer to transfer from the “General Reserves” to “Insurance Reserves” the amount of \$3,878.30 in order to bring the Insurance Reserve balance to \$20,000.00.		
		CARRIED

ADDENDUM

Councillor Scott asked if the Township’s insurance would cover a volunteer who was injured while working at the Belmore Community Centre. The volunteer is not a member of the Belmore Community Centre Board.

Treasurer Farinha will contact the insurance provider for clarification on this matter.

2.) Belmore Community Centre

Over a month ago the Clerk sent a letter to BCC Board requesting the financial information and records for 2008 and inviting their Board to meet with Council. There has been no response

whatsoever from the Board. Financial records for the period January 1st to September 30th have still not been sent to the Township Finance Department.

Councillor Scott advised that this matter was discussed at the last meeting of the Board, and he believes that there was agreement to comply with the Policies and the issue has been resolved.

3.) Employee Training

On November 5th and 6th there is a Time Management Course and a Manage Stress Course in Brussels and Thornton. Both are 1 day courses.

I would like Michelle Bennett to attend the Time Management Course and Brenda Weishar the Manage Stress Course. Cost is an average of \$200 each.

It was clarified that both sessions are presented as one course at each location, and staff would be attending in Brussels. Only AMCTO members are allowed the "Early Bird" registration rate, but AMCTO provides a voucher to send a non-member to a workshop at the member rate. Thus the registration for Ms. Bennett will be at the regular member rate.

MOTION #292/08

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council authorizes the attendance of the Administrative Assistant and the Deputy Treasurer at the AMCTO Workshop 'Manage Time, Manage Stress' being held in Brussels on November 5th, 2008, and agrees to pay the "early bird" member registration fee of \$126.00 for the Deputy Treasurer, and the reduced non-member registration fee of \$190.80 for the Administrative Assistant, as well as any other costs associated with attendance at this work-shop. CARRIED

4.) Gorrie Hall Loan

Gorrie Hall thought they owe us \$3,000 for the Loan. Last week they brought a cheque for \$1,500 for 50% of the Loan hoping that Council would forgive the other \$1,500. Fortunately for the Hall, they only owed \$1,000 so this loan will be paid in full, plus the Hall has an extra \$500 in found money for their other needs.

5.) Ontario Rural Summer Jobs

The Province has donated the full amount to which we were entitled \$2,274.

PUBLIC WORKS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The following report as at October 17th was circulated in the Council package:

ROADS

PUBLIC WORKS STAFF OPERATIONS

- 2nd block on Malcolm Line is nearing completion
- Fall grading operations are underway

BUILDING - NO REPORT

DRAINAGE

OMAFRA – Agricultural Drainage Infrastructure Program (ADIP)

The Ministry are looking for input on ADIP. A copy of the policy is enclosed.

ADDENDUM

Mr. Wilson provided at the meeting a listing of the comments compiled by the Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario (DSAO) in November 2007. This listing was reviewed and each point explained relative to the relevant section of Program Policy.

Council concurred with the changes suggested by the DSAO, and instructed that the Clerk send a submission to the Ministry. Comments must be submitted by November 21, 2008.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

HURON COUNTY STAFF APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENTS (OPAs)

The Huron County Clerks and Treasurers Association requested the County consider delegating the authority for OPAs to the Planning Director in order to expedite the process. A report from Scott Tousaw, Planning Director, is enclosed. Council and Mr. Wilson agreed with Mr. Tousaw's recommendation. Mr. Wilson will send notice to Mr. Tousaw that Howick Council is in agreement with the proposal.

OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT (OPA) and ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (ZBLA)

Joyce Wilson will meet with Council on October 28th to finalize some outstanding issues in preparation for the required Special Planning meeting. She would like Council to make a decision on surplus severances, wind power policies need to be discussed and some other minor issues.

After these issues have been discussed and decisions made, they could be placed in a draft document. The planning process requires a 35-day notification period prior to holding a Special Public Meeting to present the proposed amendments and obtain public input. The projected date for that Public Meeting is December 18th, 2008 at the Howick Community Centre. Thereafter, a Public Open House will be held to present the draft Official Plan and Zoning By-Law. 20-days notice is required for this meeting, which is planned for January 11th, 2009. Following this process, a Public Meeting may be held (in conjunction with a Regular Council Meeting) to adopt the OPA and ZBLA.

LANDFILL

STEWARDSHIP ONTARIO

A cheque for \$3,963.95 was received from Stewardship Ontario representing the second quarterly payment.

WEST NILE GRANT

Brenda sent a request to the Huron County Health Unit for funding based on tire removal from the landfill site. A cheque in the amount of \$3,000.00 has been received.

OTHER

HOWICK POOL

Rintouls have started pouring the concrete around the pool area. The roof has been removed from the building and the concrete blocks and floor should be removed next week. There has been a delay in obtaining the concrete blocks for reconstruction but we expect them soon.

JEPP GRANT

Perth Communications provided information on an FM radio system which would allow us to have better communication with the Emergency Site Manager and possibly the other Emergency Services (fire, police, ambulance) in the event of an incident.

I would recommend that we apply for a grant to allow the purchase of at least 4 XPR portable radios (4 X \$885) and the XPR 8300 repeater (\$2,300). This would be a total cost of \$5,840.00 plus taxes.

MOTION #293/08

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes and instructs the Treasurer and the Public Works Co-ordinator to submit an application for grant funding under the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) to assist in the purchase of a 4 portable radio units and a repeater unit to provide emergency service communications.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE (Information only)

- OMAFRA, Environmental Management Newsletter

CLERKS REPORT

The following report as at October 21st and copies of supporting information were circulated in the Council package:

Huron County Clerks & Treasurers Association (HCCTA)

The Association meeting was held here at Howick on October 10th with about 20 present. The following items and issues were on the Agenda:

- MPAC update with Chuck Egener
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing update with Pearl Dougall
- PRISM 9-1-1 presentation with David Lew
- Local Government Week – Committee Report
- Huron County update with Dave Overboe
- Discussion regarding County licencing of Auctioneers
- 9-1-1 Policies for intersection signs & numbering with David Lew & Jason Dodd
- Water Protection Steering Committee with Susanna Reid
- Accessibility Standards update with Darcy Michaud
- Group Benefits with Darcy Michaud

Accessibility Standards

Enclosed is a note from Jennifer Cowan, Huron County Accessibility Co-ordinator, concerning a joint training initiative with the Avon Maitland School Board. The County is looking at submitting a Letter of Intent to the Ministry of Community and Social Services for funding under the “*EnAbling Change Partnership Program*” to develop a training program. At this point, they are asking how many lower tier municipalities would be interested in participating in the joint

venture. Since we will be required to comply with the Regulations, this joint venture would be a cost-effective means of providing the requisite training.

The Clerk was instructed to respond to Ms. Cowan that Howick Council is interested in participating in a joint training venture.

Emergency Management Training

Morris-Turnberry is hosting a training session on Friday, October 24th, 1:30 – 3:30 pm on Emergency Operations Centres (EOC's), and has invited us to participate. This could serve as our "training" component for compliance if we attend this session. Since all of Council would be sitting at the EOC during an emergency situation, it is hoped all of you will be able to take this opportunity for training. I need to let Nancy know how many will be attending as soon as possible.

MOTION #294/08	Moved by Versteeg	Seconded by Henhoeffter
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes attendance of the following at the Emergency Management "Emergency Operations Centre" training session being held at the Morris-Turnberry office on October 24 th , and agrees to pay the costs associated with attendance at this event: Reeve Demaray Deputy Reeve Yungblut, Councillors Henhoeffter and Versteeg, Clerk Johnson.		
		CARRIED

ADDENDUM

Huron County Emergency Management Committee

The Agenda for the next meeting was provided, and the Clerk requested authorization to attend the meeting on October 28th in Clinton.

MOTION #295/08	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Yungblut
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes Clerk Johnson to attend the Huron County Emergency Management Committee meeting in Clinton on October 28 th , and agrees to pay the costs associated with her attendance at this meeting.		
		CARRIED

Livestock Valuation and Impound

By-Law No. 24-2008 has been prepared to appoint Councillor Scott as the Township's *Livestock Valuer and Poundkeeper*.

Employment Policy (Revised 2008)

Copies of the revised Policy were provided at the meeting.

With reference to "*Recognition of Employee Service*", how does Council wish to proceed with the initiation of this new policy? One suggestion is to make initial presentations to deserving staff at the Christmas Social this year, as the starting point. Council's input is requested.

A listing of those staff with 10 or more years of service was provided.

MOTION #296/08	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Yungblut
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes and instructs the Clerk to arrange for the presentation of employee "Recognition of Service" awards in accordance with the new provisions of the Employment Policy, said presentations to be made at the 2008 Council/Staff Christmas Social on November 21 st , 2008.		
		CARRIED

It was agreed that each eligible staff member will receive a certificate of recognition denoting the years of service as of 2008, and presented with a gift of cash in the amount specified in the policy.

Councillor Scott described an initiative at his place of employment for recognizing employee service. A display board mounted in a place of prominence contains the names of long-term employees and their years of service. The Clerk was instructed to look into the cost of something similar for Howick Township.

Council / Staff Christmas Social

As noted on the attached memo from Administrative Assistant Michele, the Christmas Social will consist of dinner and curling (informal/fun) at the Listowel Curling Club on Friday, Nov. 21st. Michele needs numbers for dinner, so please be prepared to give your answer at this meeting. All Council members except one plan to attend. Reeve Demaray noted that the purpose of such occasions is to foster a good rapport between Council and staff, which is beneficial for all.

ADDENDUM

Resignation of Office Custodian

Notice of termination was received from the contractor yesterday. Council instructed that the custodian who provides services at the Howick Library be asked if she would be interested in assuming these duties. If not, an advertisement will be placed in the local newspapers.

CORRESPONDENCE Requiring Council Action

- 1. **Canada Post** – Seeking donations to Canada Post Foundation for Mental Health. Noted and discussed. Action: File
- 2. **Howick Optimist Club** – outlining terms of payment regarding their commitment to contribute \$25,000.00 to the Howick Community Pool project.

Treasurer Farinha requested authority to transfer the donated funds to “Reserves – Pool”

MOTION #297/08 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Henhoeffler**
 THAT Howick Township Council authorizes the Treasurer to transfer the \$25,000.00 donation from the Howick Optimist Club to the Pool Reserves. Transfer to Reserves to be made as funds are received over the 5-year period. CARRIED

- 3. **Howick Optimist Club** – declining to participate with the Township to hold a New Year’s Levee.

The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of the above correspondence with a letter of thanks from Council.

Closed Session Items

- Minutes of the closed session held October 7th, 2008
- By-Law Enforcement Officer’s Report
- Legal Matter – Pending Claim

ADDENDUM

Coyote Trapping

Councillor Scott advised that there is a serious problem in the Township with the increasing coyote population, and a trapper from outside the Township has enquired about trapping in Howick. The Clerk was instructed to contact the County of Huron about what documentation is required in order to collect the bounty being paid.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

The listing of Accounts Payable for October 21st, 2008 was circulated in the Council package. Clerk Johnson noted that a cheque number was missing from the circulated list, and an amended listing was provided at the Council meeting.

MOTION #298/08 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Yungblut**
 THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes payment of accounts in the amount of **\$74,188.05** under date October 21, 2008 as cheques #7391 to #7425 inclusive, as presented and discussed at the Regular Council meeting held October 21st, 2008. CARRIED

BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 24-2008 – To Appoint a Livestock Valuer & Poundkeeper

MOTION #299/08 **Moved by Versteeg** **Seconded by Henhoeffler**
 THAT Howick Township Council gives first, second and third and final reading to By-Law No. 24-2008, being a by-law to appoint a Livestock Valuer and Poundkeeper for the Township of Howick. CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Belmore Community Centre Board

Councillor Scott reported from the meeting held October 20th:

- The 2 furnaces have not yet been installed
- Discussed insurance coverage for the volunteer who was injured while working at the arena. Councillor Scott volunteered to find out if the Township insurance would pay.
- Teams from Lucknow are currently renting ice time at Belmore due to a problem with the ice plant at their arena.
- The issue with submitting accounts to the Township was discussed and hopefully solved.
- There were some problems with painting work done, so the contractor was paid only half and asked to return to remedy the problems.
- TSSA inspected the facility recently, and noted that the (compressor room) doors should be properly signed.
- Sparling Propane will be providing prices for new grills and ovens for the kitchen.

Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP)

Minutes of the September 11th meeting were circulated in the Council package, along with the agenda for the October 16th meeting.

Councillor Henhoeffter reported from the October meeting:

- It is anticipated that the electronic speed sign will be in Howick next Monday and Tuesday.
- The Injury Prevention Conference in London focused on ATV issues.
- Will link training with the Clinton ATV Club.
- Next CHIP meeting will be November 26th.

County of Huron

Reeve Demaray reported:

- Land in Morris-Turnberry is to be zoned Highway Commercial, but a comprehensive study will be required if the developer wishes to place a food store on the site.
- A new Medical Officer of Health has been hired.
- Consideration is underway for purchase of computers for County Council
- In the new year, all County Councillors will attend all Committee meetings.
- November 14th County Council will tour County facilities.
- Attended a meeting in Central Huron about ATV's. The municipality has a by-law allowing ATV's on roads. Ratepayers are upset (about ATV use) and want the by-law repealed.

Huron County Farm and Home Safety

Councillor Versteeg reported from the meeting held October 9th:

- "Slow Moving Vehicles Using Road" signs are available.
- The Committee will work with the Board of Education to promote the annual Safety Poster contest in the schools. Hopefully, this will improve student participation.

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)

ADDENDUM

The following information was provided at the Council Meeting:

- Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting #8/08 September 17, 2008
- Minutes of Hearing #4/08 September 17, 2008
- Minutes of Maitland Source Protection Meeting #6/08 September 17, 2008

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) - No report

MVCA Source Water Protection (SWP) - next meeting November 13th

SVCA Source Water Protection (SWP) - No report

Wheels Away

It was noted that an information flyer was recently mailed to all area residents.

Wingham Area Fire Board

The following information was circulated in the Council package:

- Agenda for the October 15th Board Meeting
- Minutes and list of Accounts for August 13th Board Meeting
- Chief's Reports – August and September
- Copy of letter from Township of North Huron dated October 15, 2008 regarding future of fire services
- Copy of letter of opinion from North Huron's Solicitor dated September 29, 2008 regarding amalgamation of North Huron fire services and termination of Fire Agreements.
- Copy of Letter from Township of North Huron dated October 14, 2008 advising that they wish to terminate participation in the Wingham Area Fire Board.
- Minutes of Fire Service Review Meeting held September 29th, 2008 with representatives from the municipalities of North Huron, Morris-Turnberry, Howick, Ashfield-Colbourne-Wawanosh, Central Huron, and James Zimmerman of the Fire Marshall's Office.
- Inventory list for Wingham Area Fire Board

Reeve Demaray and Deputy Reeve Yungblut reported:

- North Huron has now given official notice that they intend to withdraw from the Wingham Area Fire Agreement
- Per the Agreement, North Huron will seek 2 appraisals of the Board assets. The Board must approve the choice of Appraisers. Reeve Demaray provided them with the names of several Qualified Appraisers.
- The Board will meet at 6:00 pm on November 12th to decide on the choice of Appraisers.
- North Huron will hold another meeting, with 2 representatives from each municipality, on November 12th at 7:00 pm, to continue discussion.

During discussion, it was noted that North Huron has given no particulars about how they plan to proceed after receipt of the appraisal information. According to the Agreement, the remaining members of the Board are required to pay to the withdrawing member their share of the assets. However, North Huron has stated that their objective is to “create an amalgamated fire service for North Huron..” and that their intent is “to offer the same quality of fire service that will be provided to the North Huron ratepayers to any interested municipality at an equitable price”. It would seem apparent then that they do not wish to relinquish ownership of the assets of the fire department to the remaining members of the Fire Board. Council agreed that Howick cannot make any decisions or commitments regarding the purchase of fire services from the Township of North Huron until they provide concrete cost information – we are not willing to “sign a blank cheques”. As well, North Huron must advise of their intentions regarding operation of the Fire Station in Gorrie. Council also reviewed the letter of opinion from North Huron’s Solicitor, and questioned the meaning of the statement “*The FPPA no longer contemplates fire boards*”.

Regarding the decision at the meeting held on October 14th that the Councils of Howick and Morris-Turnberry obtain the services of a solicitor to provide an opinion as to our position when North Huron withdraws from the Agreement, Clerk Johnson advised that Morris-Turnberry has forwarded copies to Howick of the information package sent to the solicitor on October 17th.

MOTION #300/08 **Moved by Scott** **Seconded by Yungblut**
 THAT Howick Township Council hereby agrees to share equally with the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry the cost of engaging the services of a Solicitor to review and advise our respective municipalities with regard to our responsibilities and obligations under the Wingham and Area Fire Agreement within the context of the Township of North Huron withdrawing from that Agreement. CARRIED

The Clerk was instructed to advise Morris-Turnberry that the intent of this resolution is to share costs relating specifically to obtaining the Solicitor’s opinion regarding our position within the context of North Huron’s withdrawal from the Joint Fire Agreement, and does not, at this point, extend to legal services beyond that.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION #301/08 **Moved by Versteeg** **Seconded by Scott**
 THAT Howick Township Council at this time (9:55 pm) closes this portion of the October 21st, 2008 Regular Council meeting in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 (2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e)* to deal with personal, employee, and legal matters. CARRIED

Matters Discussed in Closed Session

- Minutes of October 7th, 2008 Closed Session (approved by Resolution #302/08)
- By-Law Enforcement Officer’s Report
- Legal Matter - Pending Statement of Claim

MOTION #303/08 **Moved by Versteeg** **Seconded by Scott**
 THAT Howick Township Council now re-opens the October 21st, 2008 Regular Council meeting to the public at this time (10:05 pm). CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Wroxeter Community Hall – Water Treatment System

Councillor Scott advised that the ultra-violet water treatment system that was intended to be donated to the United Church was found to be of insufficient capacity. Therefore, it will be necessary to purchase a system, the cost of which will be split between the church and the hall. It was assumed that since the Township paid for installation of a similar system in the Fordwich Community Hall, that Council would agree to pay for a share of the system for the Wroxeter Hall as well. Although the feasibility of the Township paying for a system that will not be installed in the Township’s facility was questioned, it was decided that this was the most cost-effective course of action at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Copies included)

- a) **Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**
 - Alert No. 08/045 – Proposed amendments to facilitate brownfield redevelopment

- Local Authority Services (LAS) – *Energy Management Tool* brochure about web-based software for tracking, comparing, measuring energy consumption / conservation.
- b) **Health Force Ontario** – new registration policy provides easier access for US physicians to Ontario registration.
- c) **Ministry of Health** – Health Insurance registration in Listowel Oct. 23rd - 24th and Nov. 20th
- d) **Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA)**
 - Report of Nominating Committee – Directors for 2009-10
- e) **Avon Maitland District School Board** – 2008-09 System Directory
- f) **Huron County Museum** – Thank you for donation of Howick Lions Club memorabilia
- g) **Maitland Conservation Foundation** – Thank you for donation to Annual Dinner & Auction
- h) **Fordwich & Community Parks Association** – THANK YOU for supporting youth baseball.

CORRESPONDENCE forwarded via E-Mail (Oct. 6 - 16) (No copies attached)

1. **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)** – Election 2008 – Assessment of Party Platforms
2. **Huron Bruce Liberal Riding Assoc** – request for Councillor information to send invitation to fundraising dinner for Carol Mitchell
3. **HealthForce Ontario** – announcing new registration policy for US physicians
4. **Partnerships for Health** – Sept. 2008 Bulletin, Vol 1, Issue 3
5. **Huron County Health Unit** – Pandemic Planner, Sept. 2008
6. **Huron Business Development Corp**
 - *Small Business Success* Newsletter, Sept. 2008
 - *Huron Economic Development Matters* Newsletter, Vol.2, Issue 3, Fall 2008
 - Huron Manufacturing Assoc. and United Communities Credit Union announce Apprenticeship Scholarship Fund
 - Better Business Seminar “*Guerilla Marketing in a Virtual Jungle*” Oct. 16th in Seaforth
7. **Huron Tourism**
 - Rick Mercer rides at Walton Motocross – on CBC TV Tuesday, Oct. 7th
 - *Doors Open Haunted Huron Sites* – Oct. 18-19
 - *Through Voices of Beads: Iroquois Beadwork* at Huron County Museum Oct. 4 – Nov. 23
 - Heritage Marketplace at CN Station by Goderich Harbour, Oct. 17-19
 - Elizabeth’s Art Gallery, Goderich – upcoming events:
 - Oct. 18th Watercolour Workshop with Richard Edwards
 - Oct. 31st Call to All Artists to display through Holiday season
 - Nov. 14th Christmas Open House and Silent Auction
 - Nov. 29 & 30 Advanced Stained Glass with Bridgitte Wolf
 - Goderich Co-op Gallery –
 - Travels through Spain & Portugal with Artist Ron Walker
 - 2008 Limited Edition Holiday Art Card prints now available.

The above correspondence was noted. Action: File

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #304/08 **Moved by Versteeg** **Seconded by Yungblut**
 THAT Howick Township Council now adjourns the October 21st, 2008 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council at 10:08 p.m., with Council to meet again at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair. CARRIED

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