

**TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 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

Mark Farinha, Treasurer/Tax Collector

**Delegations**

1. Gorrie Hall Board – Kelly Payne; Kyla Price; Tammy Thomson; Shelly Miller-Cameron; Mary King; Jen Koch; Catherine Whitehead; Sharon Coulter
2. Wroxeter Hall Board – Cam Edgar; Ruth Sharpin; Pat Seip
3. Rex McClory

**Other**

Lindsey Kuglin, Reporter, Wingham Advance-Times  
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. Councillor Henhoeffter acknowledged a conflict regarding a cheque payable to her husband on the listing of Accounts Payable

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Copies of draft Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting and the Public Meeting to consider an application for zoning amendment, both held on September 16th, 2008, were circulated in the Council package.

<b>MOTION #272/08</b>	<b>Moved by Scott</b>	<b>Seconded by Versteeg</b>
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 16th, 2008, as circulated.		
		CARRIED

<b>MOTION #273/08</b>	<b>Moved by Yungblut</b>	<b>Seconded by Scott</b>
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Public Meeting held on September 16th, 2008, as circulated.		
		CARRIED

**DELEGATIONS**

**1. Gorrie Hall Board**

Ms. Shelly Miller-Cameron introduced herself as Chair of the Gorrie Hall Board, and asked the other members present to introduce themselves to Council.

Ms. Miller-Cameron presented Council with a composite photo captioned "*Community Spirit*" showing the Gorrie Hall and area residents participating in some of the fundraising events carried out over the past few months. She explained that since the inception of the new Board in May this year, with the dedication and hard work of the Board members in organizing fundraising activities, along with donations from two local churches, they have succeeded in eliminating the financial deficit.

Ms. Miller-Cameron provided a list of work and repairs required at the Hall, the most urgent being the furnace. Price quotes were obtained for repairs (\$400.00) and replacement (\$2,000.00). It was decided to have repairs done at this time with a view to replacement in the future. Other necessary work includes eaves-troughing, and drywall repairs and a dehumidifier in the basement.

It is the goal of the Hall Board to be self-sustaining, and members are confident they will be able to cover the costs of the necessary repairs. Regarding a loan to the Board due and payable to the Township, Ms. Miller-Cameron advised that a cheque in the amount of \$1,500.00 will be forthcoming immediately, and the Board asks that Council consider forgiving the remaining balance of \$1,500.00.

Upcoming events being planned at the Gorrie Hall include a Family Halloween Dance, a New Year's Eve Gala, a Soup and Sandwich luncheon, Youth-oriented programs and activities, and possibly monthly dances.

The dedicated volunteer Board members are working on a Strategic Plan and are committed to sustaining the viability of operating the Gorrie Hall. They will be working on a projected budget soon and have been looking into various sources for grant funding (ie. Trillium).

Reeve Demaray congratulated and thanked the Board members for their excellent efforts and achievements, and thanked Ms. Miller-Cameron for her presentation. He noted that Council will consider the Board's request to forgive the loan balance during deliberations of the Township budget.

Members of the Gorrie Hall delegation left the Council meeting at this time (7:12 pm)

## **2. Wroxeter Hall Board**

Cam Edgar, Chair of the Wroxeter Hall Board, advised that due to recent adverse water tests at the Hall, the Board is considering installation of an ultra-violet purification system. Since the pump that serves the Hall is owned by and located in the Church next door, the Board was approached by church representatives about installing the system in the church and sharing the cost. Concern was expressed that the distance the water must travel from church to hall might render the treatment ineffective, but consultation with a plumber confirmed that this is not the case.

Mr. Edgar was contacted by a person who purchased an ultraviolet system but now has no need for it, and is willing to donate it in return for a receipt. Mr. Edgar asked Council's opinion regarding installation of the system at the church, or would it be preferable to have systems in both places. Given the assurance that purification would effectively treat the Hall's water, Council agreed that it would be feasible to at least try installing the donated system in the church, and if future tests prove it ineffective, it may be necessary to put a system in the hall.

Responding to a query about the status of the Hall Board's application for liquor sales licence, Mr. Edgar noted that the application has been submitted and they are awaiting further word from the Ministry. He thanked Township staff for their assistance with the submission. Clerk Johnson provided Mr. Edgar with a copy of correspondence received today requesting further information regarding the application, and a cheque to cover advertising costs.

Reeve Demaray thanked Mr. Edgar, and the Wroxeter Hall Board delegation left the meeting at this time (7:20 pm).

## **3. Mr. Rex McClory**

Mr. McClory was again (see August 12, 2008 Minutes) appearing before Council to discuss development on his property in the Village of Wroxeter. He expressed his dissatisfaction at the lack of co-operation he feels he is getting from the Chief Building Official, complaining that Mr. Wilson refuses to grant him a permit to site a modular home on the property, and is blocking everything he tries to do. It was explained again that if the modular home does not comply with required building code standards, a permit cannot be issued.

Council reiterated that Mr. McClory's first course action is to apply to amend the zoning on the property before he can proceed with any development. Mr. McClory responded that he had attended a meeting with the County Planner to discuss the matter and he concluded that "*she doesn't know what she's talking about*". He was adamant in his refusal to submit an application for zoning amendment unless he is given a guarantee that it will pass and that he can put the modular home on the property.

Reeve Demaray pointed out that the Municipality operates under rules and regulations, which Council and staff are obliged to enforce, and cautioned Mr. McClory not to proceed again without a zoning amendment and proper authorizations. Mr. McClory responded that an application for a zone amendment "*is not going to happen*". When asked why he now has a machine doing excavation on his property, Mr. McClory responded that he is "*building a parking lot for the bikes*".

Mr. McClory then noted he had other matters to discuss, and asked Council if Mr. Wilson is allowed to drive a Township truck home. Reeve Demaray confirmed that he is allowed, and that such use is treated as a taxable benefit.

Mr. McClory then accused the Deputy Reeve of putting trash on a Township Road allowance, to which she responded that she is not aware that anything was put on a road allowance. They did put some branches and yard waste at the back of their property, which they have since cleaned up. There is debris in a fence line that was there when they bought the property and was not their doing.

Members of Council informed Mr. McClory that neither they nor staff appreciate and will not tolerate his confrontations and threatening behaviour at their homes and in public places, as has happened in the past.

**COUNCILLORS' ISSUES** - None at this time.

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

The following report as at October 3rd was circulated in the Council package:

**ROADS**

**PUBLIC WORKS STAFF OPERATIONS**

- 2nd round of weed/grass cutting completed
- 1<sup>st</sup> block of construction on Malcolm Line is complete except for the re-location of a hydro pole on the north end. The earth fill has been placed in the second block, catch basins and culverts have been installed. Granular "B" should be complete next week. Wet weather this week has slowed progress
- Fall grading operations are underway
- Last Monday we received a call about tires in the ditches on McIntosh Line. Public Works staff picked up over 100 tires in one area on McIntosh Line

**D'ARCEY SAND & GRAVEL LTD.**

D'Arcey's are asking the Ministry of Natural Resources for a temporary increase in the amount of material that can be removed from their gravel pit. I have no concerns with their request.

**MOTION #274/08**

**Moved by Henhoeffer**

**Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council received and discussed at this meeting notification from Bill and Lisa D'Arcey concerning an application to the Ministry of Natural Resources for a temporary tonnage extraction increase of an additional 50,000 tonnes for the gravel pit located at Part Lot 24, Concession 7, Township of Howick (Aggregate Resources Act Licence #4681), and Howick Council has no concerns or objections to the proposed extraction increase. CARRIED

**ONTARIO AGGREGATE RESOURCES CORPORATION**

We received a cheque in the amount of \$12,678.38 representing the municipal share of fees collected.

**BUILDING**

**BUILDING ACTIVITY REPORT**

Deputy Treasurer Weishar prepared the enclosed report of activity to date, for your information:

<b><u>Permits Issued</u></b>	<b><u>Value of Construction</u></b>	<b><u>Fees Collected</u></b>
74 Building Permits	\$4,119,200.00	\$21,593.36
13 Septic System Permits	127,500.00	3,700.00
1 Demolition Permit	8,000.00	30.00

**DRAINAGE**

**DRAINAGE ENGINEERS CONFERENCE**

An agenda for the conference is enclosed. I would like permission to attend.

**MOTION #275/08**

**Moved by Versteeg**

**Seconded by Henhoeffer**

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Public Works Co-ordinator to attend the 40<sup>th</sup> Drainage Engineers Conference being held in Guelph on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and agrees to pay the registration fee of \$173.25 (tax included) and any other costs associated with his attendance at this event. CARRIED

## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **OFFICIAL PLAN & ZONING AMENDMENT**

As of press time to-day, Joyce Wilson is suggesting that we hold off on having the Open House that was scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>. 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. Joyce is not available to meet with Council on October 21<sup>st</sup>. I will let you know what dates may work.

It was suggested that, if possible, Council meet with Planner Wilson on October 28<sup>th</sup>, and schedule the Open House as soon as possible thereafter.

### **LANDFILL**

#### **RECYCLING**

E-waste and bale wrap is to be sent out next Wednesday. The tires are to be picked up in the next 2-3 weeks. Scrap steel prices are lower right now than they have been for a few months. The dealers are suggesting we wait until late October or early November.

### **OTHER**

#### **HOWICK POOL**

Rintoul's have removed the concrete decking and sidewalks and are preparing to replace the pool plumbing and decking. Heritage Builders will be removing the building next week.

Reeve Demaray added that it was discovered during excavation that one of the sand filters was split and must be replaced.

#### **MUNICIPAL OFFICE**

The cost to replace the glass in 3 windows and the front door was \$1,397.22 plus staff time. Council agreed with the suggestion to consider installing video surveillance monitor(s) that would cover the office and municipal garage, and instructed that staff obtain price quotes. This could be included in the budget for next year.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The following report was circulated in the Council package:

#### **Request for Proposal (RFP) – External Audit Services**

By-Law -3-2007 appointing a Municipal Auditor for the Township was for the audit year 2006. This By-Law appointed BDO Dunwoody and has since expired. We did not approve a by-law for fiscal 2007.

On Sept. 2, Council instructed me to submit a Request for Proposal for external audit services to see if we could reduce our accounting costs presently at \$30,500. annually. A letter has been sent to BDO Dunwoody advising them we are looking for proposals for our annual audit. The following documentation has since been completed or gathered:

- Cover letter
- Organization Chart
- Township System Overview
- Specifications and conditions for the RFP
- Audited financials for the year 2007.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008, I mailed out this package to 11 Chartered Accountant Firms:

- G.F. McKay, Hanover
- Trevor Hunter, Durham
- Deloitte Touche, London
- KPMG, London
- Vodden Bender Seebach, Clinton
- Takalo & Burt, Goderich
- D. Richenback, Harriston
- Hoyles & Roswell, Listowel
- Gaviller & Co., Walkerton
- E. Burrow, Hanover
- BDO Dunwoody, Wingham

Copies of sealed quotations have been requested by 4 pm on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Staff will open these, review and prepare a recommendation to Council in November.

#### **Sale of Land**

We have \$37,000.00 in our Revenues from the Sales of land to McLean and Horst. I would like to propose we transfer this to 'Reserves – Land'. In my opinion, sale of capital assets

should not be used to fund 'Operations'. This is what will if these proceeds are transferred into General Reserves at the end of the year as part of any General Surplus.

<b>MOTION #276/08</b>	<b>Moved by Scott</b>	<b>Seconded by Henhoeffler</b>
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes and instructs the Treasurer to transfer the amount of \$37,000.00 from "Current Fund Operations – Revenue - Sale of Land" to "Capital Reserves – Land".		
CARRIED		

## ADDENDUM

### Computer Server Replacement

Treasurer Farinha provided the following report at the meeting for Council's review:

Our Computer Server is fast approaching age 7 (purchased Dec 5/2001) and needs replacement. It is not only old but obsolete and out of space. This server must be replaced to recognize the latest technology, speed and capabilities and also to accommodate possible increased requirements in the next 5 years. We budgeted \$15,000 in 2008 for a new server and 3 new desktop units (Public Works, Clerk and Arena). The 3 desktop units will be replaced when the main server has been successfully installed.

I requested quotations from the following local suppliers for the Server ONLY:

- Advanced Technologies Wingham
- Microage Goderich/Wingham
- Healthy Computers Listowel
- Microage Hanover

We only received quotes from the first three companies. Costs are detailed on the attached worksheet. The contenders are Advanced Technologies and Microage Goderich. It seems to me that the quote from Healthy Computers was not serious enough to warrant any additional attention on our part.

Option 1: This option gives us new equipment but the capabilities remain more or less the same as the existing server.

Option 3: This option quoted by Advanced Technologies is top of the line and exceeds our needs.

Option 2: This option is the recommended one. Compared to Option 1 or even what we have now the Advanced Technologies Option 2 quote adds the following features:

- A 2<sup>nd</sup> Redundant Power Supply.
- Double RAM (Random Access Memory)
- Triple the hard drive space.
- 3 Hard Disk Drives versus 2 in Option 1
- 1000 Watt Uninterrupted power supply (better and longer battery time)

These Option 2 additional features cost \$1,577 or 23% more than Option 1.

If we purchased Option 1 from Advanced Technologies and then tried to upgraded to Option 2 later it would be more expensive than purchasing the Option 2 package now.

Installation should be about 10-12 hours and can be undertaken on the weekend so there is no disruption. Start date is within 2 weeks of approval.

While I have shown the Quote from Microage under Option 2 it seems closer to the low end Option 1. The Microage quote excluding installation is about \$1,200 less but the quality and quantity of some items are also less. You get what you pay for.

I recommend accepting the quote of \$9,932 of Advanced Technologies recognizing there is some risk in the \$500 installation contingency. This quote comes with a 3 year parts and labour warranty response time being the next business day.

Advanced Technologies offers an upgrade to the response time. Instead of next business day, the warranty provides for a 4 hour response, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The additional cost is \$725 for a 3 year period. This is a cost of 0.66c per day or the equivalent of a half cup coffee. It is also noteworthy that Advanced Technologies provided the existing server so this is the second time we are doing business with them.

Resolution needed to acquire the new server from Advanced Technologies for \$10,657 (\$9,932 + 725) Taxes are excluded.

<b>MOTION #277/08</b>	<b>Moved by Versteeg</b>	<b>Seconded by Scott</b>
THAT Howick Township Council approves the tender for a new server at \$10,657.00 (as outlined on Treasurer's report) to Advanced Technologies (taxes excluded).		
CARRIED		

### CLERKS REPORT

The following report as at October 2nd and copies of supporting information were circulated in the Council package:

## **Organizational Review**

### **1. Pay Equity Plan**

The Pay Equity Plan has been received from W & U Consulting Inc. The Plan was posted at the office, and copies delivered or mailed to all employees on September 22, 2008. Pay equity has been achieved for all female classes as at January 1, 2008 and no pay equity adjustments are required. Employees have 90 days to make enquiries, and submit any concerns in writing to the Clerk. If there are no concerns, the Plan will become official after 127 days.

### **2. Employment Policy**

Attached is a listing of amendments to the *Employment Policy*, including addition of the "Inclement Weather" policy, "Gifts and Donations" policy, revised "Organization Chart", and updated Table of Contents. These changes have been incorporated into the Policy. If no further amendments, corrections or revisions are required, the revised Policy may be adopted by by-law. (NOTE: see By-Law No. 21-2008).

### **Livestock Valuation and Impound**

The two persons who were appointed in 2003 as Livestock Valuers and Poundkeepers have recently advised that they do not wish to continue to serve in this capacity. It will be necessary to advertise to fill these vacancies. At present, the remuneration for performance of these duties is \$15.00 per hour, plus mileage reimbursed at the current per-kilometer rate. Does Council wish to consider increasing the hourly rate for the position?

<b>MOTION #278/08</b>	<b>Moved by Yungblut</b>	<b>Seconded by Versteeg</b>
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes an increase in remuneration for the position of <i>Livestock Valuer and Poundkeeper</i> to \$18.00 per hour (from \$15.00 per hour).		
		<b>CARRIED</b>

During discussion about advertising to attract applicants to fill the position, it was noted that a former Councillor had acted as the Livestock Valuer and Impound Officer for many years. Councillor Scott volunteered to assume the duties. A by-law to appoint Mr. Scott to the position will be prepared for approval at the next Council meeting.

### **'What's Happening in Howick' Newsletter**

There have been a great many positive comments about the newsletter (see October issue attached) being published and distributed by Marion Feldskov – at her own time and expense. Council is willing to contribute in some way to this very worthwhile project. The Clerk was instructed to discuss the matter further with Ms. Feldskov to see how the Township might help.

## **ADDENDUM**

### **Ministry of Municipal Affairs Ontario West Conference**

Reeve Demaray advised that he is unable to attend due to a conflicting County event. Councillor Versteeg volunteered to attend in the Reeve's place..

<b>MOTION #279/08</b>	<b>Moved by Yungblut</b>	<b>Seconded by Scott</b>
THAT Howick Township Council authorizes the attendance of Art Versteeg at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing <i>Ontario West Conference</i> being held in London on November 7, 2008, and agrees to pay any expenses associated with attendance at this event.		
		<b>CARRIED</b>

The Clerk will advise the Ministry of the change.

## **CORRESPONDENCE Requiring Council Action**

1. **AMO / LAS** - Municipal Energy Management Workshop in London on Sun., Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Registration fee \$313.95. Noted and discussed. Action: File
2. **Huron Planning & Development** – Warden's Economic Development Task Force meeting  
Friday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at Huron County Health Unit in Clinton. Noted and discussed. Action: File
3. **Ministry of Culture** – Heritage Conservation Workshop "*The Framework for Municipalities*"  
in Walkerton, Friday Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>. Registration is free – deadline Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Noted. Action: File

## **MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS**

1. **Fort Erie, Town of** – supporting MPP Peter Kormos' Private Member's Bill calling for public election of all hospital boards. Noted and discussed. Action: File

2. **Fort Erie, Town of** – petitioning the Minister of Health legislatively enact the protective status of the Rural Hospital designation, and apply the designation to the Douglas Memorial Hospital in Fort Erie, and all other qualifying hospitals in Ontario. Noted and discussed. Action: File
3. **Greater Madawaska, Township of** – petitioning the Province of Ontario to:
  - review the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation operations regarding service provision;
  - review the property assessment model with a view to implementing a system that sets the value of property at time of sale, fixes the price, with annual adjustments until the next sale.

Noted and discussed. Action: File

## ADDENDA

**Woodstock, City of** - requesting that the government of Ontario provide: a) full exemption of provincial sales tax on goods and services for Ontario Police Services, and b) exemption for annual licence fees for municipal police vehicles. Noted and discussed. Action: File

**Hanover, Town of** – calling on the Federal Party Leaders to explain how, if elected, they would bring fairness to Ontario through various funding initiatives. Noted and discussed. Action: File

## Closed Session Items

- Minutes of the closed session held September 16th, 2008
- By-Law Enforcement Officer's Report
- Legal Matter

## PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

The listing of Accounts Payable for October 7th, 2008 was circulated in the Council package. At this time, Councillor Henhoeffler declared a conflict of pecuniary interest regarding account #7376 payable to her husband.

<b>MOTION #280/08</b>	<b>Moved by Versteeg</b>	<b>Seconded by Scott</b>
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes payment of accounts in the amount of <b>\$308,376.42</b> under date October 7, 2008 as cheques #7331 to #7390 inclusive, as presented and discussed at the Regular Council meeting held October 7th, 2008.		
		<b>CARRIED</b>

## BY-LAWS

### **By-Law No. 21-2008 – To Adopt Employment Policy (Revised 2008)**

<b>MOTION #281/08</b>	<b>Moved by Versteeg</b>	<b>Seconded by Henhoeffler</b>
THAT Howick Township Council gives first, second and third and final reading to By-Law No. 21-2008, being a by-law to adopt the <i>Employment Policy (Revised 2008)</i> .		
		<b>CARRIED</b>

### **By-Law No. 22-2008 – To Stop Up, Close and Sell Part of Maitland Street, Gorrie**

<b>MOTION #282/08</b>	<b>Moved by Yungblut</b>	<b>Seconded by Scott</b>
THAT Howick Township Council gives first, second, and third and final reading to By-Law No. 22-2008, being a by-law to stop up and close and sell a portion of Maitland Street North in the Village of Gorrie.		
		<b>CARRIED</b>

### **By-Law No. 23-2008 – To Authorize the Sale of Part of Maitland Street, Gorrie**

<b>MOTION #283/08</b>	<b>Moved by Yungblut</b>	<b>Seconded by Henhoeffler</b>
THAT Howick Township Council gives first, second, and third and final reading to By-Law No. 23-2008, being a by-law to sell a property being a portion of Maitland Street North in the Village of Gorrie.		
		<b>CARRIED</b>

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Belmore Community Centre Board** - Next meeting October 20th

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

Minutes of the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were circulated in the Council package. Also included was a copy of the invitation sent to area ATV dealers to attend a stakeholders meeting on

Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Health Unit in Clinton to discuss strategies for ATV Safety.

### **County of Huron**

Reeve Demaray reported:

- Next meeting of County Council will be October 8<sup>th</sup>
- A special meeting of the Warden's Task Force was called to discuss the closure of the Volvo plant in Goderich.
- Another manufacturer will be bringing a potential 150 jobs to Huron County
- Reeve Demaray attended the opening of the new Medical Building in Seaforth today:
  - 8 Doctors have set up practice at the facility
  - Specializing in heart and stroke related illnesses
  - The facility has connection to Georgian College and University Hospital
  - Med-quest training provided at the facility.

**Huron County Farm and Home Safety** - next meeting October 9<sup>th</sup>

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

Minutes of the August 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting #7/08, the Board Hearing #3/08, and the Source Protection Authority Meeting #5/08 were circulated in the Council package.

Councillor Versteeg reported from the September Board meeting:

- it was decided to postpone the Blyth Creek Project until next spring due to lack of funding.
- The MVCA Board is now dealing with the recent Organizational Review within the context of the preliminary budget. The Review revealed that MVCA staff have been consistently under-paid, which has resulted in high staff turnovers. Targeted pay increases will be phased in over the next three years, and will result in budget increases.
- Staff have been given increased authority to deal with building reviews and approvals, which should speed the process.

### **Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA)**

A copy of the 'Executive Summary' excerpt from the SVCA's comprehensive *Watershed Report Card* was included in the Council package. The full Report was available for viewing.

**MVCA Source Water Protection (SWP)** - next meeting in November

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

Minutes of the SVCA Source Water Protection Committee Meeting #7 held July 25<sup>th</sup> were circulated in the Council package.

### **Wheels Away**

Councillor Scott reported from the September 24<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting:

- The Ford van is being repaired
- The Board is considering utilizing a single larger van in the future
- Details have now been finalized for transferring administration of the Gas Tax to Morris-Turnberry
- The Annual Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> at the Bluevale Community Hall.
- Pending changes to the structure of the Board will be decided at the Annual Meeting.

### **Wingham Area Fire Board**

It was announced on the local news today that North Huron Council has voted to withdraw from the Wingham Area Fire Board and the Blyth Fire Board. Howick has received no formal notice of this decision from North Huron. From the discussions at the meeting of the Councils of the participating municipalities, held on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> in Wingham, it is North Huron's wish to form a new entity combining the Wingham and Blyth Fire Departments under sole control and ownership of North Huron, and they would then sell fire protection to the surrounding municipalities.

Ensuing discussion focused on what the impact of this decision means to Howick Township and the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, and explored some of the options and alternatives for providing fire protection services. It was suggested that the two Councils meet for discussion prior to the next Fire Board meeting scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>. Councillor Henhoeffer suggested that Council hold a Public Meeting to inform our residents about the situation. It was generally agreed that, until North Huron provides information and details about how they plan to proceed, it will be difficult for Howick and Morris-Turnberry to formulate their plans of action.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **MOTION #284/08**

**Moved by Scott**

**Seconded by Versteeg**

THAT Howick Township Council at this time (9:23 pm) closes this portion of the October 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 September 16th, 2008 Closed Session (approved by Resolution #285/08)
- By-Law Enforcement Officer's Report
- Legal Matter - Pending Statement of Claim

### **MOTION #286/08**

**Moved by Yungblut**

**Seconded by Versteeg**

THAT Howick Township Council now re-opens the October 7th, 2008 Regular Council meeting to the public at this time (9:45 pm). CARRIED

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Council / Staff Christmas Party**

Reeve Demaray circulated at package of information prepared by Administrative Assistant Michele Bennett listing a variety of options for this year's Christmas Social. After some discussion, Council agreed that staff should make the choice.

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

- a) **Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Agreement** – Intake One – applications must be received by November 21, 2008.
- b) **Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**
  - Alert No. 08/042 – Seeking Comment on Immigration Paper “*Putting Out the Welcome Mat: Why Immigration Matters to Ontario Municipalities*” (full draft document available)
  - Alert No. 08/044 – National Do-Not-Call list – implications for Municipal candidates
  - Office of the President – 2007 Annual Report (full Report available, not included)
  - Local Government Week – “*A Kid's Guide to Local Government*” (available, not included)
- c) **Ministry of Health Promotion** – inviting expressions of interest in Amateur Sport Hosting events for 2009-2010.
- d) **Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs** – *Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence* -
- e) **Federation of Canadian Municipalities** – National Do-Not-Call list municipal election impact
- f) **Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA)**
  - Tri-Committee 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Symposium in Mississauga Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Combating Climate Change Workshop in Mississauga Oct. 22-23
- g) **Hydro One** – ‘*Conservation & Demand Management Program*’ (CMD) has made a difference - since 2005 customers have saved over 272 million kilowatt hours.
- h) **Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services (OASIS)** – invitation to attend 2008 OASIS Rural Waste Water Treatment Expo October 23-25 in Orillia.
- i) **Tony McQuail, NDP Candidate** – meeting economic and ecological challenges at the local level to create solutions.
- j) **Fordwich & Community Parks Association** – THANK YOU for supporting youth baseball.

## **CORRESPONDENCE forwarded via E-Mail (Sept. 17 – Oct. 2) (No copies attached)**

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

- Alert No. 08/040 – Application site for Intake One of ‘*Building Canada Fund*’ – Communities Component now open.
- Alert No. 08/041 – Report on August 2008 Board Meeting
- Alert No. 08/043 – Seeking Fairness for Ontario and Investment in Communities – What Municipal Leaders Need to Ask Federal Candidates
- FYI No. 08/005 – Energy Management Tool software package now available
- AMO / LAS – Municipal Energy Management Workshop ‘*Cashing in on Energy Savings*’ in London on October 26<sup>th</sup>
- AMO / LAS – partnering with Mosey & Mosey and Sun Life for Group Benefit program

**Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services** – Environment Canada weather information for Emergency Managers

**Ministry of Health** – notice of events celebrating the life of Dr. Sheela Basrur

**Global Public Affairs** – 2008 Federal Election Breakfast Panel October 1<sup>st</sup> in Toronto

**Municipal Property Assessment Corp (MPAC)** – copy of response to Mayor Susan Pryke of Township of Muskoka Lakes regarding parcel mapping issues.

**Municipality of Huron East** – invitation to official opening of new Healthcare Facility Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>

**The healthline e-bulletin** – Vol.4, No. 9, September 15<sup>th</sup> issue

**Huron County Health Unit** – Pandemic Planner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary issue, August 2008

**Huron Business Development Corp**

- Better Business Seminar “*Coping or Crashing – Stress Management*” Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> in Clinton
- Huron Women in Networking Dinner on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> in Holmesville
- Better Business Seminar “*The Small Business Report Card*” Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> in Clinton
- “*Leadership Survival Series for Rural Leaders*” starts Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>
- “*Business & Work in Huron County*” September 2008 issue

**Huron Tourism**

- Jane Stryker October feature artist at Goderich Co-op Gallery
- *Celebration of First Nations* at the Blyth Theatre Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>
- Invitation to the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association Grand Opening Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm
- Zephyr Fire Foods “*A Souper Saturday*” Cooking Class Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am -2:30 pm at Viewpoint Bed & Breakfast in Goderich

The above correspondence was noted. Action: File

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #287/08**

**Moved by Versteeg**

**Seconded by Scott**

THAT Howick Township Council now adjourns the October 7th, 2008 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council at 9:50 p.m., with Council to meet again at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 21st, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair. CARRIED

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