

TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 2007 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

Arlene Parker, Administrator-Treasurer
Ronna Lee Johnson, Clerk
Wray Wilson, Public Works Co-ordinator

Delegation

William Atton; Pauline Atton; Bruce Wilkin

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 September 4th Regular Council Meeting was circulated in the Council package.

MOTION #245/07	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Yungblut
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves, as circulated, the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 4 th , 2007.		
		CARRIED

COUNCILLOR'S ISSUES

Complaints – Horse Manure on Village Streets - see Clerk's Report

PUBLIC WORKS CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

The following report as at September 14, 2007 was circulated in the Council package:

ROADS

PAVING

The Murray Group finished paving the streets in Fordwich and patched Louisa Street west of Patrick and Louisa Street east of Old Mill Street. Public Works staff will place gravel on the shoulders and topsoil where required.

GRASS/WEED CUTTING

Grass/weed cutting on the south side of Harriston Road should be finished by the end of next week.

SNOW PLOW CONTRACTS

D'Arcey Sand and Gravel and Bill Dickert are to have their bids to this office before the Council meeting on Tuesday. A recommendation on acceptance will be provided at the meeting. Last year the Township paid \$60.00 per day stand-by and \$70.00 per hour and the contractors supplied their own fuel (this year the township will supply the fuel).

PWC Wilson advised that bids of \$70.00 per day stand-by and \$64.00 per work hour have been received from both contractors, and recommended acceptance of both. His calculations, based

upon hours worked and fuel used by the contractors last season, indicate the average per-hour cost of fuel to be approximately \$10.85 per hour. Mr. Wilson noted that neighbouring municipalities have been experiencing difficulty in getting contractors to submit bids, possibly due in part to the Employment Standards hours-of-work restrictions, and that Howick is fortunate to have local firms that provide good service.

MOTION #246/07	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Henhoeffer
THAT Howick Township Council hereby awards a contract for snowplowing for the 2007-2008 winter season to D'Arcey Sand and Gravel Ltd., of Fordwich ON at the bid price of \$70.00 per day for stand-by time and \$64.00 per working hour.		
		CARRIED

MOTION #247/07	Moved by Scott	Seconded by Yungblut
THAT Howick Township Council hereby awards a contract for snowplowing for the 2007-2008 winter season to Bill Dickert, Wroxeter ON at the bid price of \$70.00 per day for stand-by time and \$64.00 per working hour.		
		CARRIED

TRUCK ROADEO

The top 17 drivers from various Counties and Regions throughout Ontario competed at the Provincial Truck Rodeo in Minden on September 12th. Ralph finished in 6th place. The top driver was from the Minden area. The runner-up was from Wellington County.

WROXETER BRIDGE

Huron County expect to have the bridge on County Road #87 open for traffic on Wednesday, September 19th.

AGREEMENT WITH D'ARCEY SAND & GRAVEL LTD.

A copy of the "Draft" agreement with D'Arcey Sand & Gravel Ltd. regarding designated haul routes is enclosed for Council's review. I believe this should adequately cover the issues Howick Township had with the application by D'Arcey's for an increase in the volume of material that can be taken from this pit each year.

MOTION #248/07	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Versteeg
THAT Howick Township Council accepts the Agreement with D'Arcey Sand & Gravel Ltd. of Fordwich ON outlining the designated haul routes to be followed by the Company's trucks when hauling material from the gravel pit located at Lot 24, Concession 7, Township of Howick, AND THAT the Public Works Co-ordinator is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Corporation.		
		CARRIED

2008 ROADSIDE/WINDBREAK TREE PLANTING ORDER

Our tree order for 2008 is to be placed with Maitland Valley Conservation Authority by Friday September 21, 2007. A list of the trees available and the estimated price of the trees is enclosed. We will be placing an order for 75 trees for planting on roadsides.

It was noted that trees planted along the roadside at the cemeteries on Church Street in Wroxeter have died and need to be replaced.

BUILDING

PWC Wilson advised he will be attending the Ontario Building Officials Association Annual Meeting and Training Sessions in Ottawa from September 23rd to the 26th, and will then be on holidays for the balance of that week.

DRAINAGE

ADDENDUM

TILE DRAINAGE LOAN

An application for a Tile Drainage Loan was received for Council's consideration.

MOTION #250/07	Moved by Versteeg	Seconded by Scott
THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the application for Tile Drainage Loan for the owner of Lots 12 and 13, Concession 2, Township of Howick, said loan not to exceed the amount of \$12,000.00. Payment of the loan is subject to receipt of funding from the Ontario Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Rural Affairs.		
		CARRIED

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

WEB GIS TRAINING/PLANNING ROUND TABLE SESSION

Ronna Lee and I are to attend a training session next Friday morning on the GIS system the County has been working on and an information session on planning issues. A copy of the agenda is enclosed.

As well, we both met here with County Planner Joyce Wilson and GIS Specialist Karri Sonke to examine the proposed mapping relative to the Zoning By-Law review. The present 40 maps will be replaced with only 9 maps, with the rural area divided into 4 quadrants, and maps of Fordwich, Gorrie, Wroxeter, Belmore and Lakelet.

SITE PLAN CONTROL BY-LAW

By-law 21-2007 placed Part Park Lots 12, 13 & 14, Plan 316 in Wroxeter under Site Plan Control. Highland Plex Ltd. provided a "Draft" site plan for the property showing the location of the proposed building, parking spaces and driveways for Council's review. A copy of the site plan is enclosed. All members of Council agreed that the plan presented was acceptable.

LANDFILL - NO REPORT

OTHER - NO REPORT

DELEGATION - (7:25 pm)

Bill & Pauline Atton - Anglican Cemetery, Wroxeter

The following relevant information was circulated in the Council package:

- Letter from the Atton's expressing an interest in "acquiring ownership of a portion of this property";
- Copy of Atton's previous letter (September 30, 2006) to Council making a similar request;
- Copy of the Clerk's letter of November 9th, 2006 to Atton's advising that Council did not wish to close and sell a portion of the cemetery;
- Howick Zoning By-Law Key Map 17-11 showing the subject property;
- Atton's sketch of the cemetery lot, with estimated plot of burial sites;
- Excerpt from the Huron County O.G.S. compilation of Howick Cemetery information.

Mr. and Mrs. Atton, and Mr. Wilkin, were in attendance to request that Council re-consider the previous Council's decision. The Atton's would like to acquire that portion of the cemetery lot (adjacent to their farm property) which he has been farming for the past 25 years, with the permission of the municipal Clerk of that time.

Council re-iterated the previous concern that, without the cemetery records, there is no way of knowing where burials occurred on the property, and no verification that they were restricted to one corner of the lot. It was noted that the documentation provided by the Huron County O.G.S. is simply a compilation of any legible information taken from the tombstones found on a cemetery site, not the actual burial records. Mr. Atton noted that several years ago, the Township did some drainage work through that portion of the property, and he is not aware that any graves were discovered at that time.

Mr. Wilkin felt there must be some method of confirming whether or not grave sites exist in that part of the cemetery, such as excavating, and asked if Council would permit the Atton's to proceed to investigate, with a member of Council present for verification.

Council members indicated their willingness to allow the Atton's to undergo some investigation. It was pointed out that a regulated public process must be followed in order to close all or part of a cemetery.

Mr. Wilkin and the Atton's thanked Council for their consideration, and the members of the delegation left the Council Chambers at this time (7:52 pm).

Administrator-Treasurer Parker recommended that it would be advisable to obtain sworn affidavits from those who attend the investigative process.

ADMINISTRATOR-TREASURER'S REPORT

The following reports were circulated in the Council package:

REVISION TO WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY AND PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To revise the composition of the Health and Safety Committee.

BACKGROUND/ HISTORY: The "Workplace Health and Safety Policy and Program" was enacted June 6, 2006. Part Three: Clause A.5 Health and Safety Committee's Responsibilities, first sentence states: "The Health and Safety Committee will be comprised of five (5) members - 4 worker representatives and 1 supervisory representative - appointed by Council".

**CONCLUSION/
SUMMARY:** Pursuing all opportunities for funding for our recreation programs will allow us to increase our program levels.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve submission of any applications for grant funding from any of our service boards and approve submitting a funding request to support the Gorrie Pool renovation.

In response to questions, Ms. Parker noted that criteria for the funding was not specific with regard to a timeframe or deadline for submissions except that applications will be evaluated at the year-end. Nor, is there any indication as to the proportion of funding provided for a project (ie. cost-share of 50%).

MOTION #251/07	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Henhoeffler
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes and instructs the Administrator-Treasurer to submit an application for grant funding to the Hydro One "PowerPlay" grants program for a grant of \$25,000.00 toward the Howick Community Pool project.		
		CARRIED

MOTION #252/07	Moved by Yungblut	Seconded by Scott
THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes and instructs the Administrator-Treasurer to submit an application for grant funding to the Hydro One "PowerPlay" grants program on behalf of the Wroxeter Park Board for funding toward the purchase of playground equipment.		
		CARRIED

It was decided that as other local boards express an interest in submitting an application, the information may be brought to Council for approval at that time.

HURON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

PURPOSE: To request approval to proceed with grant application(s).

**BACKGROUND/
HISTORY:** Huron Economic Development Matters was discussed at the last two meetings. I met with Paul Nichol, Economic Development Manager at the Huron Business Development Corporation, to discuss various projects that might "fit" with our Township, that would be eligible for funding through this program.

Howick would benefit from an economic development strategy. This strategy would define economic development options that would be successful. The strategy would be the final outcome of a fairly long term (2 yr) process which would involve: identifying stakeholders, making an inventory of Township businesses, identifying the present community setting, trends, issues etc. The next step would be to analyze the information gathered and determine the feasibility of various efforts such as events/festivals, programs, business retention and expansion and market analysis.

A successful application for funding these activities would pay for the costs of having the work done. We would probably have to make some in kind contributions. However, we should probably work with the new economic development staff to identify a logical process, determine timing and craft an appropriate application.

Council can either delegate the co-ordination to staff or strike a standing committee to see the project to completion.

ALTERNATIVES: Economic development funding for small municipalities doesn't come along very often, so we should participate.

FINANCIAL

IMPLICATIONS: Unknown – regular updates would be provided to Council.

**CONCLUSION/
SUMMARY:** Economic development expertise would benefit any activities that we might consider for our Township. An effective strategy would ensure that we place our scarce funds/programs where they have the best chance of succeeding.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council: (i) appoint an Economic Development Committee to co-ordinate the process of preparing an economic development strategy for Howick Township or, (ii) appoint me to co-ordinate the process of preparing an economic development strategy for Howick Township.

Responding to further questions about what benefits would be derived from this process, Ms. Parker noted that it would identify an inventory of Howick's features and events. Samples of some projects funded through this initiative include a History Booklet for the Brussels 150th anniversary, and the Sallows Gallery in Goderich. Funding could assist with creation of an

annual event that would draw people to the area, or an “Ambassador” program that would help promote the Township.

Ms. Parker has arranged for Mr. Nichol to attend the October 16th Council meeting to elaborate on details of the program. Council decided to defer the appointment of an Economic Development co-ordinator or committee until after Mr. Nichol’s presentation.

HURON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS (2)

PURPOSE: To request approval to proceed with a grant application.

**BACKGROUND/
HISTORY:** As previously reported, the Huron Economic Development Matters funding program is now in operation. One issue that relates to downtown revitalization is signage that directs residents and visitors to “main street.” Efforts to improve ambiance and visual aesthetics of the entrances to our villages and to create a sense of place are an important aspect to expanding upon the potential customer base.

A signage program would involve: large, attractive two sided signs at the entrances to each village and a large sign on our office property with a “bulletin board” that would identify special events in the villages and the township to improve inter-community and visitor traffic. The signs would have a common theme, but be individualized for each village. ie) The Village of Gorrie, a proud community with Howick.

This project is fairly simple to achieve and would have an immediate, high visibility impact in our Township. Our in kind component would be equipment and staff to install the signs. The funding is not adequate to address all entrances or the communities of Belmore and Lakelet. However, the initial program could be built upon annually in an affordable fashion.

Projects under \$15,000 are evaluated monthly by committee. The next committee meeting is October 12th. I have an application ready to be reviewed by HBDC staff. (available for review) We would modify the application to reflect any staff feedback.

ALTERNATIVES: We could wait until next year, however we would probably not receive funding for more than one project annually.

FINANCIAL

IMPLICATIONS: See in kind contribution, above.

**CONCLUSION/
SUMMARY:** The application for funding is a simple process; we could flesh out any details if we are successful.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve submitting an application for Huron Economic Development Matters funding for signage.

MOTION #253/07

Moved by Henhoeffler

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes and instructs the Administrator-Treasurer to submit an application to the “Huron Economic Development Matters” funding program to obtain funding for signage to be placed at the entrances to the villages in Howick Township.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

PURPOSE: To update Council on general information items.

Organizational Review

Ward & Uptigrove have been provided with most of the documentation that they will need to undertake our organization review. They will be attending Council on October 2nd to describe deliverables and timing and to discuss the process. They will be attending our staff meeting on October 3rd to introduce the project and discuss the process with staff.

Ms. Parker added that the staff meeting will be held from 4:00 - 6:00 pm on October 3rd, and Council members are to attend at 4:00 pm for the Ward & Uptigrove presentation. After some discussion about the timing of the meeting (concern was expressed that some staff would need to be paid overtime) it was decided that 4:00 pm was the most appropriate and least disruptive to the administrative office.

Since the next step in the ‘Strategic Planning’ process will also be on the agenda for the Staff Meeting, following up from that **October 30th, 2007 at 7:00 pm** was set as the date for the next Strategic Planning session for Council.

Seasonal Arena Staff

We advertised for Arena Booth Attendants and Arena Attendants. We received enough applications to fill the positions; successful applicants will be notified at the appropriate time and Brad and I will do orientation on October 9th and 10th.

CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk's report as at September 14th and copies of related information were circulated in the Council package:

Horse Manure on Village Streets

Enclosed is the response from the Wroxeter Village Management in regard to a suggestion that hitching rails and manure barrels be placed in the villages. Also enclosed is the letter forwarded to the Mennonite community, advising that the general consensus was that hitching rails and barrels would not solve the problem. We ask for their co-operation in ensuring that either the horses are fitted with a pouch to prevent dropping manure on the village streets, or that the drivers travel with the equipment necessary to clean up manure that is dropped on the village streets.

Sale of Land

By-Law No. 29-2007 is enclosed to authorize the sale of Part Lot 15, south side Adelaide Street, Village of Fordwich, per Council's acceptance of the offer at the last Council meeting. The by-law and Clerk's Certificate of Compliance will be forwarded to the solicitor for execution of the transaction.

County of Huron Meeting Investigator

County Administrator Larry Adams has invited Clerks to a meeting on Monday, September 24th to discuss the possibility of appointing a Meeting Investigator at the County level. Would Council consider it advantageous for someone to attend this session?

The consensus was that, since this matter has been discussed on several occasions and the decision made that Howick will not appoint a Meeting Investigator, it is not necessary to send anyone to the County meeting.

Closed Session

- Minutes of the closed session held September 4th, 2007 are available for Council's perusal. ADDENDUM
- Correspondence relating to disposition of property will be dealt with in closed session.

CORRESPONDENCE Requiring Council Action

1. **Minister of Citizenship & Immigration** – requesting that the Township proclaim the week of October 15 - 21, 2007 as *Citizenship Week*. Noted and discussed. Action: File
2. **Recycling Council of Ontario** – requesting that the Township proclaim the week of October 15 – 21, 2007 as *Waste Reduction Week*. Noted and discussed. Action: File
3. **Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing** – summary of sessions to be presented at the Ontario Southwest Conference in London on Friday, Nov. 9, 2007. After discussion, it was determined that although this is a worthwhile conference, no one from Council is available to attend on that date.
4. **Saugeen-Grey Sauble Source Protection Committee** – allocation of positions; obligations of committee members; final call for applications – deadline 4:00 pm, Oct. 3rd.

ADDENDA:

5. **Don Smith, Project Manager, Drinking Water Source Protection** – information about the process for submitting nominations for municipal representatives.
6. **Les Nichols** – seeking support for nomination as municipal representative for Group 3 municipalities on the Saugeen Grey Sauble Source Water Protection Committee.
7. **C. Bagnato** – seeking support for nomination as municipal representative for Group 3 municipalities on the Saugeen Grey Sauble Source Water Protection Committee.
8. **Municipality of Morris-Turnberry** – resolution of support for Les Nichols' nomination.

After reviewing the above information about the process for submitting nominations, it was decided that Council will await receipt of the "list" of nominations for the municipalities in Group 3, which should be complete after October 3rd, and will make a decision to approve the list at the October 16th Council meeting. The deadline for submitting the list is October 19th.

9. **Marion Duke** – requesting more information about Huron County expenditures, due to the large proportion of tax dollars going to the County.

Reeve Demaray will provide County budget information.

ADDENDUM

10. **Zone 2, AMCTO** – Agenda for Fall Meeting in Stratford on October 18th, 2007.

MOTION #254/07

Moved by Yungblut

Seconded by Henhoeffter

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the following to attend the AMCTO Zone 2 Fall Meeting being held in Stratford on October 18th, 2007, and agrees to pay the registration fee of \$35.00 for each, and any other costs associated with attendance at this event: Arlene Parker. CARRIED

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS

1. **Cornwall, City of** – requesting that the Province assume 100% of Court security costs, and re-assume 100% of costs of all provincially mandated programs, ie. Social Assistance, ODSP, Drug Benefits, Child Care Services and facilities.

MOTION #255/07

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council received and discussed at this meeting the resolution from the City of Cornwall requesting that the Province assume 100% of Court security costs, and re-assume 100% of costs of all provincially mandated programs, ie. Social Assistance, ODSP, Drug Benefits, Child Care Services and facilities, and Howick Council hereby resolves to SUPPORT the resolution from the City of Cornwall. CARRIED

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

The listing of Accounts Payable for September 18th was circulated in the Council package.

MOTION #256/07

Moved by Scott

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes payment of accounts in the amount of **\$532,381.96** under date September 18, 2007 as cheques #6138 to #6180 inclusive, as presented and discussed at the Regular Council meeting held September 18th, 2007. CARRIED

BY-LAWS

By-Law No. 31-2007 – To Authorize Sale of Land (Part Lot 15, Plan 243, Fordwich)

MOTION #257/07

Moved by Yungblut

Seconded by Versteeg

THAT Howick Township Council gives first, second, and third and final reading to By-Law No. 29-2007, being a By-Law to authorize conveyance of land described as Plan 243, Part Lot 15, south side of Adelaide Street, Village of Fordwich. CARRIED

By-Law No. 33-2007 – To Authorize Agreement for Debit Payment Terminal

MOTION #258/07

Moved by Henhoeffter

Seconded by Scott

THAT Howick Township Council gives first, second, and third and final reading to By-Law No. 33-2007, being a by-law to enter into an Agreement with Global Payments Canada to provide a debit card payment terminal. CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Belmore Community Centre Board

Councillor Scott reported from the September 17th meeting of the Board:

- The new condenser should be up and running next week, and ice-making will begin.
- Two Saugeen-Maitland Girls Hockey teams will start in Belmore on October 1st.
- Howick hockey teams have also requested early ice time in Belmore.
- Quotes were invited from 3 suppliers for purchase and installation of a new water heater. Only one quote was received – from Sparling’s Propane, who will be installing the unit at a cost of about \$4,400.00.

- Other municipalities in the area are also experiencing difficulty in getting OPP Officers to attend licenced events. It was reported that South Bruce has changed their requirements to allow OPP or private security from a bonded company, such as ISM Security, London. This option is more expensive, but they have more personnel available. Ms. Parker advised that she has contacted the OPP Detachment Office, and is awaiting a return call from the Commander.
- The Board has obtained 2 quotes for the purchase of 20 tables for the Hall, and are considering acceptance of the more expensive tables which have a 5-year warranty.

County of Huron

Reeve Demaray reported:

- Discussions about mandatory septic system inspections are ongoing, but are being delayed because it is recognized that existent problems along the lakeshore may necessitate the installation of sewer systems in some areas.
- The Town of Goderich is seeking a cost-sharing arrangement with the other municipalities in Huron County to pay for court costs.
- Mark Kraemer, Past Warden of Bruce County, spoke to Huron County Council about the re-organization that has taken place in Bruce County. Bruce County Council now consists of only 8 members (with weighted votes based on population), and all members sit on all committees. If a County is considering restructuring, it must be done prior to the next municipal election.
- Huron County is aiming to restrict the budget increase to 5% for next year.
- Author Jim Donnelly's Huron County History book is now available.
- The County Library Committee recently toured all libraries in the County (bus tour).

Huron County Farm & Home Safety Association

Councillor Versteeg reported:

The municipalities of South Huron and Huron East have ordered the "Caution – Slow Moving" signs for paved municipal roads.

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) – next meeting September 19th

Road Watch Huron – September meeting cancelled. Next meeting October 10th in Howick.

Source Water Protection

Deputy Reeve Yungblut and PWC Wilson reported:

The Ausable Bayfield-Maitland Valley Source Protection Steering Committee will meet this week to appoint members to the Source Protection Committee. The full Committee should be in place by the end of September.

Wheels Away

Councillor Scott reported from the September 12th meeting:

- The Board is reviewing the Statutory Holiday provisions, currently being paid at 2½ x rate.
- Service is now available to anyone age 55+ to travel anywhere.
- Considering expanding service to include provision of return transportation for medical personnel who must accompany a patient by ambulance to an out-of-town hospital.
- Attempting to increase visibility/public awareness of Wheels Away (ie. CKNX talk show).
- The Board has a new Wingham representative, replacing Arnold Taylor who recently resigned from North Huron Council.

Wingham Area Fire Board

Minutes of the July 11th, 2007 Fire Board meeting, and the Chief's Report for August, 2007 were included in the Council package.

Reeve Demaray and Deputy Reeve Yungblut reported from the September 12th meeting:

- A farewell presentation was held for Byron Adams, Secretary-Treasurer of the Fire Board who retired recently after many years of service.
- Donna White, North Huron Treasurer, is temporarily filling the position.
- The meeting scheduled for October 10th has been cancelled due to the Provincial election.
- Jamie Zimmerman, Provincial Fire Protection Officer, spoke at the Board meeting;
 - He indicated he is not in favour of joint Fire Boards
 - There always seem to be a problems within these Boards
 - Municipality should look at having its own fire department or purchase protection from other municipalities.

An invitation will be sent asking Mr. Zimmerman to attend the November 6th meeting of Howick Council to give a presentation.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION #259/07**Moved by Yungblut****Seconded by Scott**

THAT Howick Township Council at this time (9:35 pm) closes this portion of the Sept. 18th, 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:

- ***Minutes of Closed Meeting:***
Minutes of the September 4th closed session were provided for Council's review.
Minutes were approved by Resolution #260/07.
- ***Potential Sale of Land.***

MOTION #261/07**Moved by Versteeg****Seconded by Henhoeffter**

THAT Howick Township Council now re-opens the September 18th, 2007 Regular Council Meeting to the public at this time (9:43 pm).

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY (copies attached)

- a. **Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**
 - i. 'Alert' No. 07/049 – Release of "Poverty and the Property Tax Burden in Ontario" paper
 - ii. Program At A Glance – CRST & DSSABS Conference 2007
- b. **Ministry of Health Promotion** – Information about the *Ontario International Amateur Sport Hosting Policy*. Applications for assistance to be submitted by September 30th.
- c. **Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)** – promoting a "Rural Agenda" during the Ontario Election 2007.
- d. **Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks & Treasurers AMCTO)**
– Legislative Update September 4, 2007
- e. **Huron County Health Unit** – "The Pandemic Planner", August, 2007
- f. **Huron County Social Services** – Martin Liberio Workshops to be held at the Christian Reformed Church, Vanastra on Sept. 27th, 7:00-9:00 pm, & Sept. 28th, 9:30 am-3:00.

ADDENDA

- g. **Huron Tourism**
 - i. "Better Business Seminar" – "What's Your Brand?" to be held in Clinton on Thurs., Sept. 27th, 2007 at 7:00 pm.
 - ii. Rural Landowner Stewardship Guide Workshop – at OMAF building in Clinton on Sat. Sept. 29th, 2007 at 9:30 am.
 - iii. "Water Quality in Our Own Backyard" Workshop – in Grand Bend on Sat. Sept. 29th, at 9:00 am.

The above correspondence was noted. Action: File

OTHER

By-Law Enforcement

It was requested that the By-Law Enforcement Officer patrol the villages and address the issue of derelict vehicles which are evident in several locations.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #262/07**Moved by Henhoeffter****Seconded by Yungblut**

THAT Howick Township Council now adjourns the September 18th, 2007 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council at 9:48 p.m., with Council to meet again at the Regular Meeting scheduled for October 2nd, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

REEVE

CLERK