

TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT THE HOWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Attendance:

Council Members

Max Demaray, Reeve

Linda Henhoeffter, Councillor

Andrea Yungblut, Deputy Reeve

Art Versteeg, Councillor

Staff

Ronna Lee Johnson, Clerk

Wray Wilson, Public Works Co-ordinator

Mark Farinha, Treasurer/Tax Collector

Delegations

Max Hartinger, George Oriold

Joyce Wilson, Huron County Planner

Other

Jack Hohenadel

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 the Minutes of the August 12th, 2008 Regular Council Meeting was circulated in the Council package.

MOTION #236/08

Moved by Yungblut

Seconded by Versteeg

THAT Howick Township Council hereby approves the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on August 12th, 2008, as circulated.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

1. Max Hartinger – Severance

Mr. Hartinger, owner of a 104 acre farm north of Wroxeter, would like to sever a parcel of approximately 5 acres which includes a house, barn and industrial building, in order to facilitate the sale of the remaining farm land to a neighbour who does not want the buildings.

Mr. Oriold explained that Mr. Hartinger has sold the manufacturing business to family members who are presently leasing the building and may be interested in purchasing the 5 acres.

County Planner Joyce Wilson advised that current planning policies do not allow for severance of this type of manufacturing business. As well, while the County's Official Plan provides that lower tier municipalities may choose to permit the severance of "surplus" farm dwellings, and the policies of a few Huron municipalities do allow these severances, Howick's Official Plan and Zoning By-Law do not. Mr. Oriold would like Council to consider adding such provisions, which he feels would benefit the Township. This matter will be included for discussion as part of the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law review, which is currently underway.

Residential Use in Village Commercial Zone

Mr. Oriold asked Council to also consider a change to the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law to permit residential use in Village Commercial properties, noting that there is little potential for commercial use or development in these properties. Ms. Wilson explained that currently the "Village Commercial" zone allows dwelling unit(s) in upper or rear areas of a commercial building, as an adjunct to the primary commercial use. She cautioned that a change to permit exclusively residential use in a Village Commercial property would need to be worded to allow for reversion to a commercial use if required, and to preclude the possibility of enabling the construction of a single family dwelling in a commercial area.

2. Joyce Wilson, Huron County Planner – Official Plan/Zoning By-Law Review

Ms. Wilson began by advising Council that staffing shortages and additional work loads have made it impossible to be ready in time to hold the Public Open House on September 30th, and the meeting has been rescheduled to October 28th.

Ms. Wilson provided everyone with copies of her “*Official Plan Five Year Review and Zoning By-Law Update*”, reviewing and discussing the comments, proposals and recommendations contained therein.

The following changes are proposed for Howick Township’s **Official Plan**:

- Plan reformatted and table of contents added
- “*Restricted Agriculture*” (AG2) policies and designation removed – increased distances around settlement areas are addressed through Minimum Distance Separation (MDS).
- “*Institutional*” policies in Agricultural areas have been revised to be consistent with Provincial Policy. Generally, such uses are not permitted, with the exception of certain populations that are dependent on horse-drawn transportation.
- “*Extractive Resources*” policies added, and the Land Use map revised to designate all ‘*primary aggregates without constraints*’ based on recommendations of the County Aggregates Study.
- Addition of following policies to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement:
 - Completeness of Application Checklist
 - Zoning with conditions policy (optional)
 - Community Improvement policies (optional) – required in order to qualify for provincial “*Downtown Improvement*” funding
- Addition of *Wind Energy* policies
- Addition of *Surplus Residence Severance* policies (sample provided)
- Agriculture-related uses (in agricultural areas): This matter is under much discussion – some feel the parameters should be narrower and that many such enterprises should locate in urban fringe areas. Howick’s current policies are viewed as too permissive.

The following are potential changes to the **Zoning By-Law**:

- Mapping: GIS has been used to: (1) provide more accurate Zoning By-Law Mapping; (2) reduce the number of Key Maps to 10 (from 43); (3) show *Conservation Regulated* lands. Ms. Wilson provided samples of the new mapping and described the features. She noted that much more *Natural Environment* area is now shown, and it was agreed that for lands where a significant change (increase) in natural environment designation has occurred, the property owners should be notified and given an explanation of the impact.
- Permit residences that may contain two (not more than) dwelling units within General Agriculture zones (to accommodate the Mennonite population).
- Remove “*Restricted Agriculture (AG2)*” zone. Note: AG2 zone would become a zone prohibiting a residence should Council decide to permit surplus residence severance.
- Add *Wind Energy* provisions for both Settlement and Agricultural areas. Ms. Wilson noted that she will provide the policy adopted by the Municipality of South Huron, which has the most current and refined provisions to date.
- Permit residential dwelling units in *Village Commercial (VC1)* zones as-of-right.
- Consider “*swimming pool*” references currently in the Zoning By-Law. Ms. Wilson cautioned that if Council wishes to remove such references from the Zoning By-Law, it would be prudent to create a separate by-law to address the regulating of pools.
- Consider regulations for “*Greenhouse*” operations (permitted Agriculture use).

Proposed process for Official Plan (OP)/Zoning By-Law (ZBL) updates (from this point forward):

1. Meet with Council to discuss draft documents and mapping (this meeting).
Make changes to documents as necessary.
2. Public Open House / Public Meeting for additional discussion on planning issues and review of draft mapping. Meeting scheduled for October 28th, 2008 at the Howick Community Centre, 7:00 – 9:30 pm.
Make changes to documents as necessary.
3. Official Public Meeting prior to adoption of OP and approval of ZBL.
4. Documents to County for approval.
5. OMB appeals.

Request for Expansion of Wroxeter Village Boundary

PWC Wilson asked the Planner to comment on correspondence received from a Consulting firm representing the owners of land adjacent to and within the Village of Wroxeter who wish to develop residential lots. The consultant outlined concerns that the boundaries and the zoning designation of the lands within the Wroxeter Settlement Area are unclear due to perceived inconsistencies in the Zoning Key Maps, and requested that the municipality rectify

the problem by expanding the Village boundaries north to the Maitland River and east to the creek running through the adjacent farm land, and that the lands be zoned as “residential”. He noted that these changes should be incorporated at the time of the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law reviews.

Ms. Wilson responded that the village boundaries are legally established lot lines. Adjusting the boundaries is not merely an administrative or technical exercise, nor can the municipality arbitrarily change the zoning of the area in question. Provincial Planning policies dictate that to achieve what the Consultant proposes would require submission of a “comprehensive review”.

Reeve Demaray thanked Ms. Wilson for her report and information, and Ms. Wilson and Mr. Hohenadel let the meeting at this time (8:28 pm).

COUNCILLOR’S ISSUES

Council / Staff Christmas Social

Reeve Demaray asked for input and suggestions for this year’s Christmas Social. The general consensus was that last year’s event was enjoyed by all, and something similar could be arranged for this year. Reeve Demaray volunteered to consult with Administrative Assistant Bennett to plan something.

PUBLIC WORKS CO-ORDINATOR’S REPORT

The following report as at August 28th was circulated in the Council package:

ROADS

PUBLIC WORKS STAFF OPERATIONS

- 2nd round of weed/grass cutting will begin this week
- 1st block of construction on Malcolm Line is nearing completion. I will have total cost to date available for Tuesday night.

Mr. Wilson reported that approximately \$140,000.00 has been spent to date, but that amount does not include the cost of ‘A’ gravel or machine time. He noted that gravel quantities have been less than anticipated. Council concurred with Mr. Wilson proposal that construction proceed on the 2nd block of road, and that costs be monitored to ensure spending is kept within budget. If necessary, some of the newly announced provincial funding could be directed to this project.

- New tandem truck is now licensed and on the road. The 1998 has been advertised for sale at the County Auction on September 27th.

Mr. Wilson advised Council members via e-mail last Friday that he had received a competitive bid for the truck from a construction firm in Etobicoke. He explained that selling at the County auction means taking a chance on the price and an 8% commission is payable if it sells, which means we would need to get over \$46,500. in order to net the same amount being offered. It was his recommendation that Council consider accepting the offer.

MOTION #237/08 **Moved by Yungblut** **Seconded by Henhoeffter**
 THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes and instructs the Public Works Co-ordinator to accept the price of \$43,000.00 offered for the 1998 tandem dump truck “as is” and to sell it to the bidder, Fermar Paving Limited,
 AND FURTHER THAT the Treasurer is hereby authorized and instructed to transfer the proceeds of the sale of the aforementioned truck from “Operations” to “Capital – Equipment Reserve”. **CARRIED**

BUILDING

Deputy Treasurer Weishar prepared a report on building permits to date, reflecting a significant reduction in activity compared to last year.

<u>Permits Issued</u>	<u>Est. Value of Construction</u>	<u>Fees Collected</u>
62 Building Permits	\$3,348,700.00	\$17,686.34
11 Septic System Permits	\$ 100,500.00	\$ 3,100.00
1 Demolition Permit	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 30.00

DRAINAGE - NO REPORT

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENT

Notices for the Public Meeting to consider the application from Boyd’s Farm Supply Limited have been circulated. The Public Meeting is scheduled for September 16th. Your information will go out in the September 12th package. It was noted that the information was included in this Council package, and Mr. Wilson reminded Council members to bring the information to the next meeting.

ATTON PROPERTY IN WROXETER

This letter is a request for an expansion of the east boundary in the Village of Wroxeter. This request could be considered during the Official Plan review process. We will notify Mr. Davidson and Bill and Pauline Atton of the time and place for the public meetings. You may wish to speak to Joyce Wilson about this issue when she is at the meeting on Tuesday evening. Mr. Davidson did not provide copies of the Schedules and Key Maps but I have included them for clarification (NB. See report under "Delegation #2 - Joyce Wilson, Huron County Planner")

LANDFILL - NO REPORT

OTHER

HOWICK POOL

Letters were sent to 6 contractors inviting them to bid. Bids are to be received by Sept. 15th and presented to Council on the 16th of September. To date, three contractors have picked up bid documents.

CORRESPONDENCE (Information only)

- Hydro One - Signs and Attachments on Hydro One Poles.

Mr. Wilson advised Council that subsequent to receiving complaints about "religious" signs posted on hydro poles around the Township it was discovered that the municipality is responsible for approving and monitoring the attachment of such signs on any Hydro One poles situated on Township roadsides. According to the *Electricity Act, Section 47*, any person who attaches anything to hydro poles without consent or approval is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine. It was decided that this information should be circulated to the residents of the Township. Mr. Wilson advised that the source of the "religious" signs is unknown, so they will be removed by the Township.

- R. J. Burnside & Associates - Landfill Gas Collection: Advising that recent amendments to Waste Management regulations do not change requirements for Howick Landfill site and gas collection and flaring or use is not required.
- Huron County Waste Management Plan - Request from Steve Janes for information: Asking that we provide comprehensive information on Howick's Landfill Site, Waste Collection and Recycling Collection.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following report was circulated in the Council package:

1) First Annual Ontario West Treasurers Forum

This will be held by MMAH in London on September 18th. Topics to be discussed are 2009 FIR, Legislative Amendments, PSAB, Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, etc. At the last Council meeting on Aug 12th I stated there was no charge. MMAH told me there is a fee of \$50 per person. I still believe 2 Township staff should attend this informative meeting. Correspondence attached.

MOTION #238/08 **Moved by Yungblut** **Seconded by Versteeg**
 THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the attendance of the Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing *1st Annual Ontario West Municipal Treasurers' Forum* being held in London on September 18th, 2008, and agrees to pay the registration fee of \$50.00 for each and any other costs associated with their attendance at this event. CARRIED

2) Cheque Request

We wish to formalize payments/advances where money is required up front and an invoice/bill is issued later. Staff designed the attached *Cheque Request* form to satisfy and standardize this procedure. We present this for Council's information.

3) Township letterhead

Pre-printed letterheads are expensive and any change in personnel makes them inaccurate. To save money staff designed the 2 letterheads attached. Changes to personnel can be quickly made on the word template. We will use blank letter quality paper with the template. We have attached these 2 formats for Council's review, suggestions and approval. Council agreed that the concept of letterhead template use would be cost-effective, and the format used may be staff's choice.

4) Sun Life LTD (Long Term Disability) Maximum

Two Township employees are restricted to an insured maximum of \$3,500 if they need to use this benefit. However this is below their legal entitlements. Sun Life has quoted an annual fee

of \$156 to increase the insured maximum to \$5,500. This would more than cover the shortfall. If the upgrade is not taken and either of these employees needs to be away on LTD the Township would need to pay the differential. This would be expensive. Correspondence is attached. Resolution to upgrade required.

MOTION #239/08 **Moved by Yungblut** **Seconded by Henhoeffer**
 THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes and instructs the Treasurer to pay to Sun Life Insurance Company an additional premium of \$156.00 per annum each for the Treasurer and the Public Works Co-ordinator in order to increase the Long Term Disability benefit from the restricted maximum of \$3,500.00 to an increased maximum of \$5,500.00. CARRIED

5) USTI Computer Program Forum

The 8th Annual Forum will be held Oct 23-24 in London. Total cost per person (hotel, seminar, mileage, meals, etc) is \$750. The Training and Travel Budget 2008 includes provision for 2 people to attend. We would like Council's approval for the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer to attend this function. We must stay abreast of our technology. Correspondence attached.

MOTION #240/08 **Moved by Yungblut** **Seconded by Henhoeffer**
 THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the attendance of the Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer at the *USTI Canada UserForum 2008* being held in London on Oct. 23-24, and agrees to pay the registration fee of \$320.25 for each and any other costs associated with their attendance at this event including travel, accommodation and meals. CARRIED

6) Audit Fees

In 2007 we paid BDO Dunwoody \$30,500 for our audit. An analysis of some neighbouring Municipalities shows we pay 10 times more for our level of expenditure. I would like to change auditors. I think Howick could save about \$20,000 annually. This is a 1.7% reduction in the Levy and Tax Rates. I would like Council's approval to get some competitive quotes for this expense.

MOTION #241/08 **Moved by Versteeg** **Seconded by Henhoeffer**
 THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes and instructs the Treasurer to issue a Request for Quotation, in accordance with the Township's *Procurement Policy*, requesting price quotes for the provision of accounting and audit services to the Township. CARRIED

7) Municipal Infrastructure

Howick receives \$330,000 from the Province in Fall 2008. This was unanticipated in the 2008 Budget and is thus found money. Wray Wilson and I recommend transferring these funds into the Construction Reserve. We can transfer from the Reserve to fund projects upon recommendation of the PW Coordinator and Council. Resolution needed.

MOTION #242/08 **Moved by Yungblut** **Seconded by Henhoeffer**
 THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes and instructs the Treasurer to transfer the funding allocation of \$329,747.00 received from the Provincial "*Investing in Ontario*" program from "Operations" to "Roads and Bridges Construction Reserve" to be used for future infrastructure projects. CARRIED

8) Tax Levy Supps and Omits

We received a net increase of \$350K in our assessments due to Supps and Omits. Analysis attached. Resolution required.

MOTION #243/08 **Moved by Yungblut** **Seconded by Henhoeffer**
 THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the Treasurer to apply revisions to the assessment of, and process property tax adjustments for the affected properties as listed on Schedule 'A' attached hereto, said Schedule reflecting assessment changes as follows:

<u>Minutes of Settlement/Supps/Omits</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
For the Year 2006		\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
For the Year 2007		\$122,500.00	\$122,500.00
For the Year 2008	\$ 7,850.00	\$159,850.00	\$152,000.00
Net Change			\$349,500.00

CARRIED

9) Redesigned Property Assessment Notice

The redesigned notice and covering letter from Greg Martino of MPAC is attached for Council review.

10) LAS Electricity Program

Correspondence attached for Council's review (outlining the pricing details for Pool #1 re-purchase term August 1 - December 31, 2008, and pricing details for Pool #1 and #2 purchase for the year 2009).

CLERKS REPORT

The following report as at August 29th and copies of supporting information were circulated in the Council package:

Emergency Management Ontario (EMO)

1. Fall Sector meeting is to be held in London on Friday, October 17th. I respectfully request permission to attend this meeting. Would someone else from Staff or Council be interested in attending?

MOTION #244/08

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Henhoeffter

THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes the attendance of the following at the Emergency Management Ontario Fall Sector Meeting being held in London on Friday, October 17th, and agrees to pay the costs associated with attendance at this event: Clerk Johnson (CEMC); Reeve Demaray.

CARRIED

2. Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) Funding: Will open Sept. 8th for 2009 funding applications – deadline for submission is Nov. 3rd.

Discussion ensued regarding potential projects eligible for the JEPP funding, such as purchase of a generator, or upgrade of communications system. More information will be available once the program opens on September 8th, and the matter will be discussed further.

Organizational Review

During review of the recommendations included in the report from W & U, Council indicated a desire to adopt policies addressing the following:

1. Procedures for Inclement Weather
2. Recognition of Employee Service Milestones
3. Donations and Gifts

Attached are copies of a first draft of such policies for Council's review and comment. This information has also been provided to the employees for their input. Once the content has been refined and decided, these policies will be incorporated as amendments to the Township's *Employment Policy*. The revised Organization Chart will also be added to the Policy. The draft policies were reviewed and suggested changes noted. The Clerk will await input from staff, and prepare a final draft for consideration at the next meeting. She noted that the *Employment Policy* will be reviewed for any other housekeeping amendments at the same time.

Local Government Week

At the July Council meeting we received preliminary information about 'Local Government Week', to take place during the week of October 19-25, 2008. AMCTO now has additional information and resources available on their web-site.. Enclosed is a copy of "Frequently Asked Questions" and excerpts from "An Introduction to Local Government Week", which give examples of some of the things we could do to participate. It suggests that we contact and work in conjunction with the local school. The Clerk was instructed to contact Howick Central School to determine if they intend to participate, and how we might assist.

CORRESPONDENCE Requiring Council Action

1. Council of Canadians – information about the Ontario-Quebec Economic Partnership Agreement, and urging that municipalities recommend that AMO lobby the Provincial government to be included in negotiations since such an agreement will have a significant impact on municipal governments.

MOTION #245/08

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Yungblut

THAT Howick Township Council received and discussed at this meeting information from the Council of Canadians concerning the *Ontario-Quebec Economic Partnership Agreement*, and Howick Council concurs with the opinion of the Council of Canadians that the interests of Ontario's municipalities must be represented in these negotiations by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). CARRIED

The Clerk was instructed to forward the above resolution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

2. **AMO / LAS Energy Workshops** – for municipal staff and elected officials, to learn about energy-saving strategies, new products, incentives, etc. Being held in Stratford Oct. 28th & 29th. One day workshop \$313.95; two-days \$577.50. Noted and discussed. Action: File
3. **BOOST Child Abuse Prevention & Intervention** – asking municipalities to proclaim October as “Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month” and to support the “Go Purple for Prevention” campaign to raise awareness and educate the public. Noted and discussed. Action: File
4. **Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)** – asking Council to proclaim October 22nd as “Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day”. Noted. Action: File
5. **County of Huron Warden John Bezaire** – asking local Council members to be involved in supporting September 7th as “Appreciation and Recognition Day for Emergency Workers”.

MOTION #246/08 **Moved by Yungblut** **Seconded by Versteeg**
 THAT Howick Township Council hereby declares Sunday, September 7th, 2008 as “Appreciation and Recognition Day for Emergency Workers”, and encourages all residents in Howick Township to show their appreciation and support for our local emergency workers for their dedication and service to the community. CARRIED

The Clerk was instructed to forward the resolution to Huron County Warden John Bezaire.

6. **Youth Bowling Canada** – seeking sponsorship contribution to the “Health Care Heroes Bowlathon” in support of the Listowel and Wingham Hospital Foundations.
 The Clerk was instructed to display the information in the business office to inform residents of the event.

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS

1. **Halton Hills, Town of** – requesting the Lieutenant Governor in Council to initiate an inquiry into the challenges facing municipalities as a result of implementation of various Planning Act amendments. Noted and discussed. Action: File
2. **Milton, Town of** – endorsing the Region of Halton’s resolution requesting the Minister of Environment to consider a deposit/return system on aluminum and plastic drink containers. Noted and discussed. Action: File
3. **North Stormont, Township of** – supporting the resolution from the Township of Muskoka Lakes requesting MPAC to improve their operations. Noted and discussed. Action: File
4. **Owen Sound, City of** – endorsing a resolution from the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police that the Government of Ontario provide a full exemption of provincial sales tax on goods and services for Ontario Police services. Noted and discussed. Action: File
5. **Owen Sound, City of** – requesting that the Provincial Government provide a full exemption of provincial sales tax on goods and services for all Ontario municipalities. Noted. Action: File

Closed Session Items

- Minutes of the closed session held August 12th, 2008
- By-Law Enforcement Officer’s Report

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

The listing of Accounts Payable for September 2, 2008 was circulated in the Council package. Clerk Johnson advised that cheque #7217 was issued manually to replace cheque #7112, which had been inadvertently destroyed by the bank.

MOTION #247/08 **Moved by Henhoeffter** **Seconded by Versteeg**
 THAT Howick Township Council hereby authorizes payment of accounts in the amount of **\$216,561.75** under date September 2, 2008 as cheques #7217 to #7280 inclusive, as presented and discussed at the Regular Council meeting held September 22, 2008. CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Belmore Community Centre Board - No Report

Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention (CHIP)

The following were included in the Council package:

- Minutes of the August 6th meeting held at Howick;
- Copy of letter sent to ATV stakeholders re. September 11th meeting

- Information re. insurance coverage for electronic speed sign

Councillor Henhoeffler reported:

- Due to the difficulty in determining the source of liability insurance for the electronic speed sign, there will be a delay in implementing its use.
- The Committee is looking forward to meeting with the ATV stakeholders to discuss how all can work together to prevent injuries and deaths. Reeve Demaray expressed an interest in attending this meeting.

MOTION #248/08

Moved by Yungblut

Seconded by Versteeg

THAT Howick Township Council has received and discussed the information from CHIP concerning the ATV meeting on Sep. 11, 2008 in Clinton, and deems it appropriate to have a representative of Howick Township Council attend this function, and THAT Reeve Demaray is hereby authorized to attend, and THAT this event is considered to be, and will be reimbursed as follows: Inter/Intra-municipal meeting (half-day = \$80.00).

CARRIED

County of Huron

Reeve Demaray reported:

- He attended a meeting August 22nd at Listowel Golf Club for local mayors with Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing Minister Jim Watson and Perth Wellington MPP Wilkinson.
- He attended the AMO conference in Ottawa, where he was privileged to share a table and enjoyed conversing with three Cabinet Ministers during the banquet.

Huron County Farm and Home Safety - next meeting in September

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)

The following were circulated in the Council package:

- Minutes of the June 18th Board Meeting #6/08
- Minutes of the June 18th Source Protection Authority Meeting #4/08

Councillor Versteeg reported:

- The Board met in August to approve the Blyth Creek project and accept the tender.
- A Hearing was held in August to consider an application for a residential addition in Harriston – the Board directed that flood proofing measures are required.
- Mr. Versteeg attended the barbeque at the Scott Farm and found the drainage and stream rehabilitation works very interesting. He described an innovative and very effective nitrate filter system comprised of wood chips that was installed at the drain outlet.
- Huron-Bruce MP and MPP also attended the barbeque, and appeared to be receptive to the importance of environmental concerns.

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) - No report

MVCA Source Water Protection (SWP) - next meeting Friday, September 5th

The following was included in the Council package:

- Terms of Reference – Report of Comments (Terms of Reference e-mailed to Council Aug. 20th)

SVCA Source Water Protection

The following was included in Council package:

- Public Notice re. Proposed Terms of Reference Public Comment period to September 15th

Wheels Away - No report

Wingham Area Fire Board

Included in Council package:

(a) Copy of letter from Morris-Turnberry to the Fire Board, noting that the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry is happy with the current fire services provided by the Wingham and Blyth Fire Departments, and noting that the following should be given consideration:

1. Discussions be opened to review possibility of Wingham and Blyth Fire Area Boards combine as one Board.
2. If discussions are opened, Morris-Turnberry Council would appreciate being part of the review committee.
3. Morris-Turnberry Council feels it is important that the closest fire department respond to fires, which is why they are currently in discussion with Huron East to consider the realignment of fire areas.

(b) Copy of letter dated August 13th from Township of North Huron advising that Council has adopted the following resolution in regard to the future of fire services for North Huron:

“That the preferred option for North Huron is to facilitate the disbandment of both Fire Boards and as part of an amalgamated North Huron Fire Service provide, at a mutually agreed upon

fee, fire services; and further that all parties involved be invited to a meeting for future discussion in late September.”

Reeve Demaray noted that it is his understanding that the meeting with North Huron is to include all members of Council. Further discussion included speculation that North Huron has not yet researched the financial feasibility or impact of their proposal; the perception that North Huron will be seeking prior commitments from Howick and Morris-Turnberry for the purchase of services; and, what options might be available to Morris-Turnberry and Howick if North Huron decides to withdraw from the current Agreement. It was concluded that the only action necessary at this time is to attend the upcoming meeting with North Huron Council to get more information as to their intentions.

Reeve Demaray advised that he had submitted a request to the Fire Board to appoint Dale Edgar as a District Deputy Chief (the same appointment was approved for Bill Doig), but the request was denied.

It was also noted that Chief Gaunt reported to the Board that he had received no applications in response to the advertisement seeking Fire Fighters. Reeve Demaray questioned that report in light of the fact that he had spoken directly with one person who responded to the ad but was not given an application. It was reported that apparently, a local area woman received the same treatment when she responded to the ad.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION #249/08	Moved by Versteeg	Seconded by Henhoeffter
THAT Howick Township Council at this time (10:38 pm) closes this portion of the September 2 nd , 2008 Regular Council meeting in accordance with the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 (2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e)</i> to deal with personal and employee matters.		
		CARRIED

Matters Discussed in Closed Session

- Minutes of August 12th, 2008 Closed Session (approved by Resolution #250/08)
- By-Law Enforcement Officer's Report

MOTION #251/08	Moved by Henhoeffter	Seconded by Versteeg
THAT Howick Township Council now re-opens the September 2nd, 2008 Regular Council meeting to the public at this time (10:48 pm).		
		CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- a) **Premier of Ontario Dalton McGinty** – *Investing in Ontario Act* - \$1.1 billion for Municipal Infrastructure.
- b) **Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs** – *Endangered Species Act* impact on municipal drainage activities
- c) **Conservation Review Board** – New contact information
- d) **Paul Steckle, MP** – The “Green Shift” plan
- e) **Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency** – Bruce New Nuclear Power Plant Project Final Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines & Joint Review Panel Agreement issued.
- f) **Huron Tourism News** – Summer 2008 publication; Notice of General Membership meeting at Morrison Dam Conservation Area on Sept. 17th - RSVP requested by Sept. 12.

CORRESPONDENCE forwarded via E-Mail (Aug. 11 – Aug. 29) (No copies attached)

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

- Alert No. 08/035 – New local land ambulance response time standards
- Alert No. 08/036 – Ontario Small Waterworks Assistance Program (OSWAP) – Part 2
- FYI 08-012 – Climate Change and Engineering Symposium
- AMO Conference – Encouraging local media coverage of AMO conference

Infrastructure Canada – ‘Building Canada Fund’ tripartite partnership will provide \$1 billion for infrastructure.

Attorney General Chris Bentley – responding to recent news articles about Ontario’s crime rate

Ministry of Municipal Affairs – Minister Watson and MPP John Wilkinson meeting with local mayors at Listowel Golf & Country Club Fri. August 22nd.

Andrea Horwath MPP Hamilton – Slams McGuinty - failure to provide permanent, long-term, sustainable financial program for municipalities.

County of Elgin – Waste Management Symposium, Sept. 24 – 25 in London

Wingham Chamber of Commerce – presenting Anthony Rota, MP – “*The Challenges Facing Small Communities in Global Business Environment*” Thurs. Aug. 21

Greg McClinchey – “Barriers Dinner” at Blyth Arena on Sept. 25th. Tickets \$40.00 – proceeds to Huron County Accessibility Advisory Committee

Electrical Safety Authority – Warning to Sports field operators about safety hazards with older electrical and lighting equipment.

Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks & Treasurers (AMCTO)

- a) Municipal Monitor magazine (electronic edition) Sept / Oct 2008
- b) “Local Government Week” web pages

Town of Arnprior – hosting information session on OPP police contracts at AMO conference

theHealthline – E-bulletin, Aug. 13, 2008, Vol 4, No. 8

Huron OPP

- a) Response to recent media reports about crime in Ontario communities
- b) Reminder to start thinking about school buses

Huron Business Development Corp – “Business & Work in Huron County” August 2008 issue

Huron Tourism

- a) Artist Valda-Christine Glennie at Goderich Co-op Gallery for month of September

Clean Huron Environment Committee – “*It All Ends Up in the Lake*” Conference at Columbus Centre, Goderich, August 23rd, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. Keynote speaker Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario.

The above correspondence was noted. Action: File

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #252/08

Moved by Versteeg

Seconded by Henhoeffler

THAT Howick Township Council now adjourns the August 12TH, 2008 Regular Meeting of Howick Township Council at 10:50 p.m., with Council to meet again at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for September 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

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