

TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK
PUBLIC MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT THE HOWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Attendance:

Council

Max Demaray, Reeve

Linda Henhoeffler, Councillor

Art Versteeg, Councillor

Andrea Yungblut, Deputy Reeve

Randy Scott, Councillor

Staff

Ronna Lee Johnson, Clerk

Mark Farinha, Treasurer

Others:

William Rognvaldson; Rosemary Rognvaldson; Norman Fairles

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Demaray called the Public Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., welcoming all in attendance. He asked the visitors to place their name and address on the attendance sheet.

Reeve Demaray explained that the purpose of the meeting is to consider an application to change the zoning on a proposed severed parcel of 25 acres (Part Lot 13) and the 50 acre merging parcel (Part Lot 14) to recognize a second detached dwelling unit accessory to agricultural use, and, to consider a change in zoning at the rear of the proposed merging parcels from General Agriculture (AG1) to Natural Environment (NE1). The rezoning is a condition of Consent Application B15/2009 for the severance of Part Lot 13 (25 acres) to merge with and enlarge the 50 acre abutting parcel to the east.

Reeve Demaray advised that Council will consider all information received in writing and through verbal presentations before making a decision on the application, and that Council may make a decision later this evening during the Council Meeting, or the decision may be deferred if warranted.

Copies were provided to all of the Huron County Planner's report concerning the amendment and Clerk Johnson reviewed the report, which describes the purpose of the amendment (as noted above) and provides the following comments:

The property proposed to be severed is designated as Natural Environment and Agricultural in Howick Township's Official Plan, and is currently zoned General Agriculture (AG1) on Key Map 12 of Zoning By-law 23-1984.

The rezoning to AG1-14 will permit two single detached dwellings, accessory to agriculture, on the parcels proposed to be merged. The rezoning also proposes to change the zoning on the back portion of the proposed severed lands and the abutting lands with which the severed will merge to Natural Environment (NE1). The Municipality is currently undergoing an update to their Zoning By-law. New revised mapping proposes to rezone a portion of AG1 zoned lands to NE1 to accurately reflect existing woodland features, and to correspond with the Natural Environment designation on Schedule 'B' of the Official Plan. The applicant has verbally agreed to the proposed change to NE1 to reflect the woodlot that is located across the back portion of the proposed severed and the merging properties.

This rezoning is a condition of a consent application B15/2009 approved by the County of Huron for a lot enlargement. The proposed rezoning conforms with the Howick Official Plan and is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS).

The Planner notes that no comments from other individuals or agencies had been received at the time of writing the report.

The Planner recommends that the application for rezoning be approved.

No questions or objections were forthcoming concerning the application.

Reeve Demaray thanked for all for attending, and adjourned the Public Meeting at 7:04 pm.

REEVE

CLERK