

TOWNSHIP OF HOWICK
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT THE HOWICK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Attendance:

Max Demaray, Reeve	Andrea Yungblut, Deputy Reeve
Linda Henhoeffler, Councillor	Art Versteeg, Councillor
Randy Scott, Councillor	Michael Givens, Administrator-Treasurer
Ronna Lee Johnson, Clerk	Wray Wilson, Public Works Co-ordinator

Others:

Huron County Planning Staff: Scott Tousaw, Director
 Joyce Wilson, Planner
 Rian Allen, Planning Student

CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Demaray called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION #2

County Planning Staff presented everyone with a binder containing a compilation of the information extracted at the first Strategic Session held on February 13th. The contents included the following listings:

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| ➤ Howick Undiscussables | ➤ Howick Vision of "Rural" |
| ➤ Dislikes | ➤ Vision of Howick Today |
| ➤ Likes | ➤ 10 Year Vision of Howick |

The comments contained in the above lists were re-sorted by the County Planning Staff into the following 7 "Key Result Areas":

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| ➤ Communication | ➤ Environment and Resources |
| ➤ Community Co-operation | ➤ Planning |
| ➤ Economic Development | ➤ Service and Infrastructure |
| ➤ Government Relations | |

From the above information, County Staff were able to draft these possibilities for a Township "Vision Statement":

*"A strong, healthy rural community.
Integrated and independent.
Green and clean."*

*"A caring, knowledgeable and integrated community.
Prosperous living in a rural and village setting.
Proud to be different."*

"A healthy, rural community which combines a strong and diverse agricultural sector with growth in the dynamic and vibrant villages."

The suggestions were reviewed and discussed and the following revised edition received general approval:

"A strong, independent, healthy rural community. Proud to be different."

The next step was to identify *objectives* and translate them into specific *goals* within the context of each of the seven "key result" areas noted above. Mr. Tousaw guided the entire group through this exercise for the "Communication" section. He then divided us into two groups, and each group completed this same exercise for 3 of the 6 other "key" areas.

Mr. Tousaw reviewed briefly the next steps in the process:

- The work compiled this evening will be consolidated by County staff, and the information forwarded to be added to the Strategic Planning binder.
- Input obtained during the afternoon session with Township staff will also be organized and collated for inclusion in the binder. (Mr. Tousaw noted that the session with staff was very productive – staff input was “excellent” and “impressive”)
- County staff will return for another meeting to finalize the “goals” and “objectives” and begin the process of formulating “action plans” to achieve the stated goals.
- Mapping out the “action plans” is the most difficult and time-consuming aspect of the process.
- A joint meeting of Council and staff will be held to review completed action plans.

The next meeting, to review and finalize the goals and objectives, was scheduled for Wednesday, April 18th at 7:00 pm at the municipal office.

OTHER

Waste Management Project

Reeve Demaray asked Mr. Tousaw to describe briefly a new waste management process that was mentioned at the OGRA/ROMA conference. Plasco, a company in the Ottawa area, has a permit to proceed with a 2-year testing demonstration of a process for burning municipal solid waste that results in little or no emissions and produces natural gas and electric energy. 100 tons of waste will produce about 4 mega-watts of energy a day. By-products include sulfur, salt, and an inert slag that can be used in building materials.

The County Planning Staff left the meeting at this point.

Meeting with Howick Agricultural Society

It was reported that the plan to send representatives from Council and the Howick Athletic Association to the Agricultural Society’s upcoming Board meeting, has met with resistance from the Agricultural Society. It was decided that, in order for Council to hear and consider the input from all sides, an invitation will be sent to the Agricultural Society and other groups who use the Howick Community Centre, to attend the next Council meeting to be held on March 20th, to discuss requests to have the ice surface installed earlier.

Relating to the early installation of ice, Councillor Henhoeffler advised that Mr. Jim Doig had offered to inspect the compressor **and assess the refrigeration equipment and arena building as to its capability to produce and maintain warm weather ice* at the Community Centre (Mr. Doig did maintenance and inspection work on the equipment in previous years). It was decided that the present service provider will be asked to inspect the system.

** correction*

Huron County Draft Budget

Copies of the draft 2007 Huron County Budget were distributed to all Council members and senior staff, to be reviewed prior to the upcoming Public Meeting being held in Wingham on March

ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Demaray declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

REEVE

CLERK