

Township of Howick Council Meeting Minutes August 15, 2017

Present: Reeve Art Versteeg
Deputy Reeve Robert Clarkson
Councillor Doug Harding
Councillor Linda Henhoeffler
Councillor Randy Scott
By-law Enforcement Officer Lisa Gibson
Recreation Facilities Manager Kent Brown
Interim Public Works Coordinator Dean Nicholson
Treasurer-Tax Collector Jean Hughes
Clerk Carol Watson

1. Call to Order

Reeve Versteeg called the meeting to order at 7 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Public Meeting

A public meeting was held to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act affecting the lands described as Part Lot 27, Part 3 and 4 of RP 22R6058, Concession B (Fraser).

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Council agreed to amend the agenda to include a motion authorizing the Reeve and Clerk to sign contract no. BR1251.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Clarkson; Seconded by Councillor Scott:

Be it resolved that Council approve the agenda as amended. Carried. Resolution No. 233/17

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

No one declared a pecuniary interest at this time.

5. Delegation

Ralph Metcalfe attended to ask Council to show appreciation to the 2017 Howick pool staff and suggested bonus pay for all the extra work they had done. He answered questions and following discussion, Council directed the Clerk to prepare a motion for the next Council meeting for consideration.

6. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Henhoeffler; Seconded by Councillor Harding:

Be it resolved that Council approve the minutes of the July 18, 2017 Public and Council meetings as presented. Carried. Resolution No. 234/17

7. Kirk Livingston, Chief Building Official

CBO Livingston presented report to Council-Building-2017-04 providing a building activity report for June and July 2017 and provided a comparison of two other local municipalities' building activity and answered questions.

8. By-law Enforcement Officer Lisa Gibson

Officer Gibson presented a draft "Clean Yards By-law" as requested by Council and answered questions regarding the purpose of this by-law. Following discussion, Council directed staff to prepare a by-law for the next meeting for consideration.

9. Staff Reports

Treasurer-Tax Collector Jean Hughes

Treasurer Hughes presented report to Council-Finance-2017-12 providing information on Howick's Asset Management Plan and the accounts payable listing. Council asked questions regarding the AMP.

Council asked where the monies from the sale of the Fordwich Hall would go and stated that they had never seen the latest bridge and road report and asked staff to bring both to the next meeting.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Clarkson; Seconded by Councillor Scott:

Be it resolved that Council approve the 2016 Asset Management Plan for the Township of Howick as presented. Carried. Resolution No. 235/17

Moved by Deputy Reeve Clarkson; Seconded by Councillor Harding:

Be it resolved that the accounts in the amount of \$397,738.40, payable and/or paid from July 19 to August 10, 2017 be approved for payment. Carried. Resolution No. 236/17

10. Council Committee and Board Reports

Minutes from the Howick Property Standards Appeal Committee meeting held July 18, 2017 were received.

Minutes from the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors meetings held June 21 and June 26, 2017 were received.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Clarkson; Seconded by Councillor Henhoeffter:

Be it resolved that Council receive the minutes from the Council Committees and Boards included in the August 15, 2017 agenda. Carried. Resolution No. 237/17

11. Correspondence

Correspondence received from the Gorrie Conservation Area Rejuvenation Committee requesting forgiveness of outstanding balance was discussed.

Moved by Councillor Harding; Seconded by Seconded by Councillor Scott:

Be it resolved that Council forgive the outstanding balance of the loan granted to the Gorrie Conservation Area Rejuvenation Committee in the amount of \$122.61. Carried. Resolution No. 238/17

Correspondence received from the Howick Agricultural Society dated July 12 and 24, 2017 regarding the Facility Use Agreement were noted and filed.

Correspondence received from Frank DeVries providing notice of withdrawal of Zoning By-law Amendment application No. 2/17 was noted and filed.

Correspondence received from the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry providing notice of adoption of Official Plan Amendment was noted and filed.

Drinking Water Source Protection Newsletter Issue 8 – August 2017 was received.

Correspondence received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs looking for feedback to the following two questions in relation to the 2018 municipal election was discussed.

1. Would potential candidates in your municipality have any challenges in fulfilling the requirement to have their nomination endorsed by 25 electors?

Council comment was that no signatures should be required.

2. The Minister of Municipal Affairs now has the authority to provide an exemption from the requirement for municipal council candidates to have their nomination endorsed by 25 electors in a municipality with less than the prescribed number of electors. What number of electors in a municipality is the appropriate threshold for the exemption to apply?

Correspondence received from the Ontario Provincial Police informing of the progress Municipal Policing Bureau has made was noted and filed.

12. Members Privilege – Good News and Celebrations

Councillor Harding advised that the new compressor had arrived at the Howick Community Centre.

Reeve Versteeg advised that the wheat harvest was good in Howick.

13. By-laws and Motions

Moved by Councillor Scott; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Clarkson:

Be it resolved that Council authorize the Reeve and Clerk to sign Contract No. BR1251 for replacement of culvert on Salem Road. Carried. Resolution No. 239/17

Interim Public Works Coordinator Nicholson advised that the project would start next Monday with Salem Road between Tollgate and Fordwich Lines closed for six weeks. Council directed staff to put this information on Howick's website.

Moved by Councillor Scott; Seconded by Councillor Henhoeffter:

Be it resolved that Council give third and final reading to By-law No. 34-2017; being a by-law to authorize a Facility Use Agreement between the Howick Agricultural Society and Howick Township. Carried. Resolution No. 240/17

Moved by Councillor Harding; Seconded by Councillor Henhoeffter:

Be it resolved that Council give first, second and third and final reading to By-law No. 38-2017; being a by-law to authorize an Acknowledgement Agreement with St. Columban Wind LP and the Royal Bank of Canada. Carried. Resolution No. 241/17

Moved by Deputy Reeve Clarkson; Seconded by Councillor Henhoeffler:
Whereas, Council of the Township of Howick has held a Public Meeting pursuant to Section 34(12) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990 with respect to a proposed zoning by-law affecting Concession B, PT Lot 27, RP 22R6058 Part 3 and 4 in the Township of Howick (zoning by-law amendment application ZBA03/17);
And whereas, certain changes have been made to the proposed by-law after the holding of the public meeting;
Now therefore, the Council of the Township of Howick hereby resolves that, pursuant to Section 34(17) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, no further notice is to be given in respect of the proposed by-law. Carried. Resolution No. 242/17

Councillor Scott spoke in opposition to the proposed amendment to Howick's Zoning By-law.

Moved by Councillor Harding; Seconded by Councillor Henhoeffler:
Be it resolved that Council give first, second and third and final reading to By-law No. 39-2017; being a by-law to amend By-law No 23-1984, as amended, being the Zoning By-law of the Township of Howick, on lands described as Part Lot 27, RP 22R6058 Part 3 and 4, Concession B, Township of Howick. Carried. Resolution No. 243/17

Moved by Councillor Henhoeffler; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Clarkson:
Be it resolved that Council receive a 1ft x1ft square off the property located at Part Lot 27, RP 22R6058 Part 3 and 4, Concession B, to break the severance and allow Parts 3 and 4 to merge; and further, all of Howick's costs with respect to the receiving of this non-viable property shall be the responsibility of Casey and Greg Fraser. Carried. Resolution No. 244/17

Moved by Councillor Henhoeffler; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Clarkson:
Be it resolved that Council give first, second and third and final reading to By-law No. 43-2017; being a by-law to confirm the actions of Council at their August 15, 2017 Council meeting. Carried. Resolution No. 245/17

14. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Scott; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Clarkson:
Be it resolved that Council adjourn the Council meeting at 8:10 pm. Carried. Resolution No. 246/17

Reeve Art Versteeg

Clerk Carol Watson