



Howick Township General Information

Council Meetings – are held at the municipal office at 7pm on the first and third Tuesday each month or at the call of the Chair. Meetings are open to the public and upcoming dates are as follows:

September 5 & 19, 2017
 October 3 & 17, 2017
 November 7 & 21, 2017
 December 5 & 19, 2017

Howick Township Staff Directory

Treasurer

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Recreation Facilities Manager

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Howick Township Facilities

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Follow us on Twitter @HowickFire

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Howick Library 519-335-6899

Landfill Site 519-335-3328



Fall/Winter 2017

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Howick Recreation Department

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Message from the Reeve

Unpredictable and unexpected weather patterns have become the new normal, just as predicted and expected. This summer it is frequent and intense rain! Most notable is the record rainfall which washed out the Gorrie Dam. MVCA owns the dam and will continue to keep Gorrie area residents updated on next steps. The Township also incurred some costs from that storm as well, with road washouts in a number of places.

There have been some changes in our staffing. I welcome Kent Brown as our new Recreation Facilities Manager and wish to thank staff, volunteers and facility users who pitched in to help at the pool and arena while we were short staffed. Dean Nicholson, who has been a public works operator for many years, has taken on the role of Acting Public Works Coordinator, following the resignation of David Martin.

Last year, Howick had record amounts of building activity and the trend is continuing into 2017. Wishing a warm welcome to all those who are choosing to make Howick home.

Sincerely,

Art Versteeg



Howick - a strong, independent, healthy, rural community. Proud to be different.

Canine Control – dog tags assist with the recovery of lost dogs as they provide an identification number kept on file at the municipal office. In 2017 we sent out tags with invoices to dog owners. Invoicing will be sent out annually going forward. The tag you received is a permanent tag – if it is lost please contact the office to get a replacement and to advise of any changes. Current fees are \$30 for the first dog, \$50 for the second and \$100 for the third. By-law No. 32-2016 does not permit more than three dogs per household and requires that all owners purchase a tag within ten days of taking possession of the dog. It also requires owners



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Garbage/Recycling – please be sure to have your waste/recycling out by 7am on your scheduled collection day. Garbage must be in clear bags and a bag tag must be clearly visible. Tags can be purchased for \$2.50 each at the municipal office, the landfill site, Bare Necessities (Fordwich), Watson’s Hardware and D&M Auto (Gorrie) and Abraham Hoover’s Harness Shop (44304 Glenannon Road).

Hazardous Waste – can be taken year round to the Mid-Huron Landfill site at 37506A Huron Road (Hwy 8) in Holmesville. For more information contact the County at 519-524-8394 ext. 3504 or email waste@huroncounty.ca.



Property Assessment – the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is run by the Province and is responsible to provide assessments for all properties in Ontario. If you disagree with MPAC’s assessment or classification of your property, you can contact MPAC directly to file a Request for Reconsideration (RfR). Visit mpac.ca or call 1-866-296-MPAC (6722) for more information.



Howick Fire Department – In a fire seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy. This year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign reinforces why an escape plan is so important and here’s some key points to include in your plan. Draw a map of your home with all members of the family, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from these exits. Practice your escape plan and teach children how to escape on their own. Always close doors behind you and **once outside – stay outside.**

Public Works – we have had a busy summer with the reconstruction of Gough Road and the replacement of the culvert on Salem Road. Fall is fast approaching and winter is on its tail, so we need to be mindful of some simple rules to aid in proper snow clearing operations. Overnight parking is not permitted, and pushing snow across the roadway or depositing it on the road is prohibited under the *Highway Traffic Act*. Waste receptacles should be placed in a way as not to interfere with snow clearing and mail delivery.



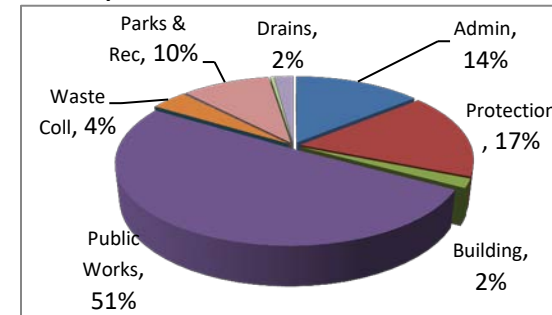
Recreation – we are pleased to welcome our new Recreation Facilities Manager, Kent Brown, to our Howick team. Summer is winding down, and the Township would like to send a big thank you to our 2017 Pool Staff for a job well done! In the meantime keep HCC in mind for your rental requirements, we are fully accessible and have a licenced auditorium, arena floor and change rooms. Like us on Facebook at Howick Community Centre. Please contact Kent for ice rental arrangements for the upcoming season at 519-335-3883 or email recreation@howick.ca.

Upcoming Events

- Final Cruise Night** – Friday September 8th, 2017
- IPM 2017** – September 19 – 23, 2017 – Walton ON
- Howick Turnberry Fall Fair** – October 6 – 8, 2017

2017 Budget Summary – although the Township continues to face reductions in stability funding from the Province, we were pleased to approve a budget with an overall tax rate change of only 2% when combined with the County and Education tax rates for 2017. Township Reserves are budgeted to increase by approximately 8% in 2017, with a significant increase of funds set aside for the fire department. For over a million dollars of capital spending budgeted for 2017, over half of the cost is being paid for from outside funding sources, with the remainder coming mainly from Township Reserves and only a small portion being raised through taxation. Based on the projects budgeted, residents will see improved accessibility at the municipal office, new equipment in place at the fire hall to improve the safety of our firefighters, improvements on several roadways and replaced culverts, a new compressor at the Community Centre for the upcoming ice season and continued improvements and maintenance of our many drains throughout the township. 2016 Audited Financial Statements are available at www.howick.ca.

2017 Expenditures



Final Property Taxes – will be payable in two installments – September 22 and November 24, 2017. Payments are accepted in the form of cash, cheque, Debit and online through your banking institution. To set up online payment, search for “Howick – Township of” as the vendor and use your full 19 digit roll number as your account number. Be sure to leave sufficient time for your payment to reach the township – it often can take up to three business days for electronic payments to come through. **Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer from the responsibility to pay the taxes, nor does it negate any penalty charges.**