



Howick Township General Information

Council Meetings are held at the municipal office at 9am on the first Tuesday and 7pm on the third Tuesday each month or at the call of the Chair. Meetings are open to the public and upcoming dates are as follows:

March 5 at 9am & March 19 at 7pm

April 2 at 9am & April 16 at 7pm

May 7 at 9am & May 21 at 7pm

June 4 at 9am & June 18 at 7pm

Summer Meetings – July 16, & August 20 both at 7pm

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Spring/Summer 2019

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Howick Recreation Department

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

Greeting from the Reeve

As I write this message to the taxpayers and residents of Howick Township we are in the middle of our first real snow event of the winter.

I have just returned from the Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference in Toronto. Councillors Bob Illman and Megan Gibson also attended. It was a new learning experience for all of us and we were able to learn some valuable tips to help us in our new roles in Howick.

Our next big project is our budget for 2019.

Council looks forward to working for you in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Doug Harding



Canine Control – dog tags assist with the recovery of lost dogs as they provide an identification number kept on file at the municipal office. Dog tag invoices were sent out in January 2019. If you have a dog without a tag, please contact the office. In 2017 we issued dog owners permanent tags which will be invoiced annually. If your dog's tag gets lost please contact the office to get a replacement, at a nominal fee 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 do not allow their dogs to run at large and that owners take reasonable precautions to prevent their dog(s) from biting or attacking a person or domestic animal in a manner that poses a menace to the safety of others. **Failure to obtain an annual dog license could result in a fine of \$100.**



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). Waste receptacles should be placed in a way as not to hinder road maintenance and mail delivery.



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.

Battery Recycling Correction - car batteries are not accepted at Boyd' Farm Supply

Public Works – we're down to the last few weeks of winter and while spring is very welcome, it presents us with its own challenges. The spring break up is temporary and frustrating...for everyone. Please drive according to the conditions.



Alarmed for Life - The Howick Township Fire Department will be continuing the Alarmed for Life program beginning in May 2019. Howick firefighters will be going door to door offering free

home smoke alarm inspections, which involves inspecting, testing, replacing and/or providing smoke alarms to ensure home owners are compliant with the smoke alarm laws under the Ontario Fire Code. The firefighters will also have information on fire safety and home fire escape planning.



Please keep an eye out for our monthly column in What's Happening in Howick, check www.howick.ca or follow us on twitter @HowickFire for details #Alarmed4Life.

If you have questions about the program or are interested in becoming a sponsor, please call 519-335-3202 or email howickfire@howick.ca

In case of an Emergency, please dial 9-1-1



**March Break
at
Howick
Community
Centre**



Recreation – Come on in for some Free Public Skating during March Break, Monday to Friday from 1pm to 2:30pm.

Then, get ready for summer! Howick Pool swimming lessons and Swim Team registration will be coming up the first week of May....stay tuned!

And as always for more information or for pool, arena, auditorium and room rentals please send an email to recreation@howick.ca or call 519-335-3883.

Interim Property Taxes – will be payable in two installments – March 22 and May 17, 2019 and are based on 50% of what was billed the previous year. The final billing will be processed and mailed in August 2019 and this bill will be based on the 2019 MPAC Assessment information sent to property owners directly multiplied by the 2019 tax rates once they are set. Payments are accepted in the form of cash, cheque, debit, PAP and online through your banking institution. To set up for online payments, 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.**

Property Assessment – the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) provides 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.



Municipal Drains – Under the Drainage Act, Howick Township is responsible for maintaining municipal drains. Please contact the office if a municipal drain affecting your property requires maintenance. It can take up to one year to obtain authorization from agencies such as Conservation Authority, Min of Natural Resources and Dept of Fisheries and Oceans.

Tile Drainage- Landowners in Howick Township who are planning to install a tile drainage system on agricultural land may be eligible for a loan under the Tile Drain Loan Program.

Application forms are available on the at www.howick.ca or at the office and must be submitted to Council before any tile installation begins.