

Township of Howick Council Meeting Minutes June 15, 2021

Present: Reeve Doug Harding
Deputy Reeve Eldon Bowman
Councillor Doug Hargrave
Councillor Megan Gibson
Councillor Bob Illman

Fire Chief Shawn Edwards
Operations Manager Brady Nolan
Treasurer Brenda Weishar
Clerk Carol Watson

1. Call to Order

Reeve Harding called the meeting to order at 7 pm, welcomed everyone in attendance and those who joined by telephone.

2. Public Meeting

A public meeting was held to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended to 90049 Mud Lake Line (Concession 13 E Part Lot 30), owners Mary-Ellen and George Murray.

3. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Councillor Illman:

Be it resolved that Council approve the agenda as presented. Carried. Resolution No. 140/21

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

No one declared a pecuniary interest in relation to any item on the agenda at this time.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Illman:

Be it resolved that Council approve the minutes of the June 1, 2021 Council meeting as presented. Carried. Resolution No. 141/21

6. Huron County Planner Jenn Burns

Planner Burns joined by telephone and presented a report on consent application C43/21, property address 46250 Gough Road, Concession 7, Lot 32, Part Lot 31, owners Mary Sanderson and Michael Park, recommending approval with conditions.

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:

Be it resolved that Council support Consent Application File C43/21 as submitted by Huron County Planner Jenn Burns; and further, that if the consent application be granted provisional consent, Council recommends the following municipal conditions apply:

- provide to the satisfaction of the Township a survey showing the lot lines of the severed parcel and the location of any buildings thereon and a reference plan based on the approved survey

- the severed land merge on title with the abutting property to the west upon issuance of the certificate under Section 53(42) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, as amended. Carried. Resolution No. 142/21

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Fire Chief Shawn Edwards

Chief Edwards presented report to Council-Fire-2021-07 seeking approval to change the Fire Dispatch Service to Owen Sound Police Service.

**Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Illman:
Be it resolved that Council approve changing Fire Dispatch Services to Owen Sound Police Service; and further, direct staff to prepare the necessary agreement and by-law. Carried. Resolution No. 143/21**

Chief Edwards presented report to Council-Fire-2021-08 recommending hiring Matt Broadhaecker a volunteer firefighter.

**Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Councillor Hargrave:
Be it resolved that Council approve the hiring of Matt Broadhaecker as a volunteer Firefighter effective July 2, 2021. Carried. Resolution No. 144/21**

7.2 Operations Manager Brady Nolan

Manager Nolan presented report to Council-Public Works-2021-29 seeking approval for the Gough Road capital project.

**Moved by Councillor Hargrave; Seconded by Councillor Gibson:
Be it resolved that Council approve adding Gough Road as a 2021 capital project. Carried. Resolution No. 145/21**

He also presented report to Council-Public Works-2021-30 providing an update on damages at the Wroxeter ballpark. Council directed staff to investigate the cost to straighten the block wall. Council agreed that they want to move forward with the repairs.

Treasurer Weishar advised that Howick's insurance reserves are in the amount of \$22,000.

**Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Gibson:
Be it resolved that Council direct staff to proceed with repairs at the Wroxeter ballpark at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 to be paid out of Howick's insurance reserves. Carried. Resolution No. 146/21**

He also presented report to Council-Public Works-2021-31 recommending opening the Howick Optimist pool on June 28 for the 2021 season and offer public swims. Council agreed to offer public swims.

7.3 Treasurer Brenda Weishar

Treasurer Weishar presented report to Council-Treasurer-2021-11 including the accounts payable listing; financial report for period ending May 31, 2021; fixed assets and taxes receivable comparison as of May 31, 2021.

7.4 Clerk Carol Watson

A report to Council-Clerk-2021-16 including the Community Safety and Well Being Plan was presented.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Illman:

Be it resolved that Council adopt the Community Safety and Well Being Plan in draft form; and further, direct the Clerk to prepare the necessary by-law. Carried. Resolution No. 147/21

A report to Council-Clerk-2021-17 seeking approval to Howick's municipal office hours was presented. Councillor Gibson shared that she had received negative comments. Councillor Hargrave suggested staggered hours.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Gibson:

Be it resolved that Council approve Howick's municipal office hours from 8:30 am – 4 pm, Monday to Friday. Lost. Resolution No. 148/21

Council directed staff to discuss opening the municipal office under step one of the roadmap to reopening and staggered hours.

8. Correspondence

Avon Maitland District School Board meeting highlights dated June 8, 2021 were noted and filed.

9. Members Privilege – Good News and Celebrations

Councillor Gibson thanked staff for coming out to the Wroxeter park for discussion.

10. By-law and Motion

Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Hargrave:

Whereas, Section 34 (17) of the Planning Act states where a change is made in a proposed by-law after the holding of the public meeting, Council shall determine whether any further notice is to be given in respect of the proposed by-law; And whereas, a change is requested to add a provision that explicitly allows for a building accessory to the residence to By-law 34-2021; Now therefore, Council determines that the change is minor and no further circulation is required. Carried. Resolution No. 149/21

Moved by Councillor Illman; Seconded by Councillor Hargrave:

Be it resolved that Council give first, second and third and final reading to By-law No. 34-2021; being a by-law to amend zoning on property at 90049 Mud Lake Line (Concession 13 E Part Lot 30) to rezone the portion of property zoned NE2 to NE2-4 to allow for a residence (mobile home), accessory building and septic system and well on the front portion of the property. Resolution No. 150/21

11. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:

Be it resolved that Council give first, second and third and final reading to By-law No. 35-2021; being a by-law to confirm the actions of Council at the June 15, 2021 Council meeting. Carried. Resolution No. 151/21

**Moved by Councillor Hargrave; Seconded by Councillor Gibson:
Be it resolved that Council adjourn the Council meeting at 8:22. Carried.
Resolution No. 152/21**

Reeve Doug Harding

Clerk Carol Watson