

Township of Howick Council Meeting Minutes August 17, 2021

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

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. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:

Be it resolved that Council approve the agenda as presented. Carried. Resolution No. 172/21

3. 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.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Hargrave:

Be it resolved that Council approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 Council meeting as presented. Carried. Resolution No. 173/21

5. Huron County Planner Jenn Burns

Planner Burns joined by telephone and presented a report on consent application C63/21, property address 1043 Ann Street, Wroxeter, owners Adebusola Oghumu and Ovwigho Ogumu, recommending approval with conditions.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Gibson:

Be it resolved that Council support Consent Application File C63/21 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:

- 911 addressing for the subject lands be dealt with to the satisfaction of Howick
- the sum of \$500 be paid to Howick as cash-in-lieu of parkland
- 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

Carried. Resolution No. 174/21

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Operations Manager Brady Nolan

Manager Nolan presented report to Council-Public Works-2021-37 providing five options regarding Mary Street in Fordwich and clarified that the lawyer was still reviewing option five. Council directed Manager Nolan to gather further information from Maitland Valley, Planner Burns and Howick's solicitor and report back.

Andy was in attendance and advised that he would like to leave things as is with the corner severed off Lot 4.

6.2 Treasurer Brenda Weishar

Treasurer Weishar presented report to Council-Treasurer-2021-13 including accounts payable listing from July 21 to August 17, 2021; Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Resilience Infrastructure Stream transfer payment agreement; COVID-19 expenses as of June 2021; 2021 budget summary as of July 30 and department updates.

6.3 Clerk Carol Watson

Report to Council-Clerk-2021-22 regarding filling a vacancy on Council was discussed.

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Councillor Hargrave:

Be it resolved that Council declare the office of one (1) Councillor for the Township of Howick to be vacant. Carried. Resolution No. 175/21

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Councillor Hargrave:

Be it resolved that Council direct the Clerk to prepare the necessary by-law requiring a by-election be held to fill the vacancy. Lost. Resolution No. 176/21

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Councillor Hargrave:

Be it resolved that Council suspend the rules of Howick's Procedural By-law No. 17-2020; 32.4 By-Elections. Carried. Resolution No. 177/21

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:

Be it resolved that Council appoint a person to fill the vacancy by contacting the remaining candidates from the 2018 municipal election in the following order:

1 Linda Henhoeffter

2 Marvin Grimes

3 Marg Sanburn

4 Paul Martin

Carried. Resolution No. 178/21

Report to Council-Clerk-2021-23 requesting Council rescind By-law 30-2021 was presented.

7. Committee and Board Repots

Minutes from the Family Betterment Committee meeting held July 15, 2021 were received.

Minutes from the Wroxeter Park Board meeting held July 20, 2021 were received.

Minutes from the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority meeting held June 17, 2021 were received.

**Moved by Councillor Hargrave; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:
Be it resolved that Council receive minutes from the Council Committee and Board included in the August 17, 2021 agenda. Carried. Resolution No. 179/21**

8. Members Privilege – Good News and Celebrations

Deputy Reeve Bowman advised of upcoming drive-thru dinners; Howick Optimist on September 17 and Belmore Fish Fry on September 12.

Councillor Gibson updated on donations, paint and clean up at the Wroxeter Park.

Council discussed the recent clean up at the Gorrie dam.

9. By-laws and Motion

**Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Gibson:
Be it resolved that Council appoint Trevor Tout and Richard Armstrong as Wroxeter Park Board members. Carried. Resolution No. 180/21**

**Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Gibson:
Be it resolved that Council give first, second and third and final reading to By-law No. 39-2021; being a by-law to enter into an agreement for the provision of Communication and Dispatch Services for the Howick Fire Department. Carried. Resolution No. 181/21**

**Moved by Councillor Hargrave; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:
Be it resolved that Council give first, second and third and final reading to By-law No. 40-2021; being a by-law to Restrict Heavy Trucks on Township Highways. Carried. Resolution No. 182/21**

**Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Gibson:
Be it resolved that Council give first, second and third and final reading to By-law No. 41-2021; being a by-law to stop up, close and sell part of Maitland Street North from William Street to Martin Street in the Village of Gorrie and rescind By-law No. 30-2021. Carried. Resolution No. 183/21**

**Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Councillor Hargrave:
Be it resolved that Council give first, second and third and final reading to By-law No. 42-2021; being a by-law to authorize entering into a Transfer Payment Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream – Local Government Intake. Carried. Resolution No. 184/21**

10. Closed Session

Council proceeded into closed session to discuss a matter pertaining to a proposed or pending disposition of land by the municipality (Mud Lake Line road allowance) and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (vandalization at Wroxeter park) and adoption of the May 18, 2021 closed meeting minutes.

**Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:
Be it resolved that Council go into “Closed Session” at 8:10 pm under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss a matter pertaining to a proposed or pending disposition of land by the municipality and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and that Operations Manager Nolan and Clerk Watson remain in attendance. Carried. Resolution No. 185/21**

**Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:
Be it resolved that Council adjourn the “Closed Session” at 8:43 pm. Carried.
Resolution No. 186/21**

Reeve Harding reported that only the items that Council went into Closed Session for were discussed. Council also approved minutes from the May 18, 2021 closed session.

11. Adjournment

**Moved by Councillor Hargrave; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:
Be it resolved that Council give first, second and third and final reading to By-law No. 43-2021; being a by-law to confirm the actions of Council at the August 17, 2021 Council meeting. Carried. Resolution No. 187/21**

**Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Councillor Hargrave:
Be it resolved that Council adjourn the Council meeting at 8:45 pm. Carried.
Resolution No. 188/21**

Reeve Doug Harding

Clerk Carol Watson