

Township of Howick Council Meeting Minutes September 21, 2021

Present: Reeve Doug Harding
Deputy Reeve Bowman
Councillor Doug Hargrave
Councillor Megan Gibson
Councillor Marvin Grimes

Drainage Superintendent Wray Wilson
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 Councillor Grimes:

Be it resolved that Council approve the agenda as presented. Carried. Resolution No. 204/21

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 Councillor Grimes; Seconded by Councillor Hargrave:

Be it resolved that Council approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021 Council meeting as presented. Carried. Resolution No. 205/21

5. Staff Reports

5.1 Drainage Superintendent Wray Wilson

Superintendent Wilson presented report to Council-Drainage-2021-08 requesting an extension of agreement until September 30, 2022.

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Councillor Grimes:

Be it resolved that Council extend the Service Agreement of Howick Township Drainage Superintendent Wray Wilson until September 30, 2022. Carried. Resolution No. 206/21

5.2 Operations Manager Brady Nolan

Manager Nolan presented report to Council-Public Works-2021-39 including Belmore Community Centre structural condition assessment prepared by RJ Burnside and Associates Limited. Council questioned which jobs need immediate attention and left it in Manager Nolan's hands to discuss further with Belmore groups and Howick staff for funding opportunities.

He also presented report to Council-Public Works-2021-40 including Howick's bridge inspection report for 2020 prepared by BM Ross and Associates Limited and explained the priority score calculation factors.

Deputy Reeve Bowman arrived at this time in the agenda and shared that he had attended a Belmore Community Arena Board meeting last night and the group was very appreciative of Howick staff's assistance.

He also presented report to Council-Public Works-2021-41 including updated plan for reopening the Howick Community Centre following current Ontario Government guidelines.

5.3 Treasurer Brenda Weishar

Treasurer Weishar presented report to Council-Treasurer-2021-15 including accounts payable listing from August 1 to September 21, 2021; seeking direction to move forward with a project under Municipal Modernization Program Intake 3; 2021 budget summary as of August 31, 2021 and a department update. Council discussed suggested projects and agreed on a third-party study on day care needs and recycling review.

5.4 Clerk Carol Watson

A report to Council-Clerk-2021-25 seeking support for an application for funding under Rural Economic Development was presented.

**Moved by Councillor Hargrave; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:
Be it resolved that Council support an application under the Strategic Economic Infrastructure Stream of the Rural Economic Development Program for wayfinding signage and beautification (banners and street furniture). Carried.
Resolution No. 207/21**

6. Committee and Board Repots

Minutes from the Belmore Community Arena Board meeting held July 19, 2021 were received.

Minutes from the Howick Family Betterment Committee meeting held September 9, 2021 were received.

Minutes from the Wroxeter Community Hall Board meetings held July 21 and August 19, 2021 were received.

**Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:
Be it resolved that Council receive minutes from the Council Committee and Board included in the September 21, 2021 agenda. Carried. Resolution No. 208/21**

7. Correspondence

Correspondence received from the Howick Family Betterment Committee asking if Council would like to be connected with a representative of the YMCA was discussed. Council advised this could happen following the study.

Correspondence received from Kendra Hester regarding horse manure on municipal roads was discussed. Council agreed that there was more than horse manure on local roads and Howick was a rural community.

Correspondence received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing providing Site Plan Control Guide was noted and filed.

8. Members Privilege – Good News and Celebrations

Deputy Reeve Bowman advised that the Howick Optimist drive-thru Beef BBQ dinner was a success and the Belmore Fish Fry was sold out.

Council recognized that the Howick Optimist donated to the school snack program.

Councillor Gibson announced that the Wroxeter ball tournament went well this past weekend.

9. By-laws and Motion

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:

Be it resolved that Council accept resignations received from Kim Coghill and Matthew Stuber from the Wroxeter Community Hall Board, with regret. Carried. Resolution No. 209/21

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. 46-2021; being a by-law to stop up, close and sell part of Mud Lake Line from Harriston Road north to Orange Hill Road. Carried. Resolution No. 210/21

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Councillor Grimes:

Be it resolved that Council give first, second and third and final reading to By-law No. 47-2021; being a by-law to appoint officials, members of committees and boards and other such persons as required. Carried. Resolution No. 211/21

10. Closed Session

Council proceeded into closed session to discuss a matter pertaining to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (vandalization at Wroxeter park) and adoption of the August 17, 2021 closed meeting minutes.

Moved by Councillor Hargrave; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:

Be it resolved that Council go into “Closed Session” at 8:35 pm under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss a matter pertaining to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and that Clerk Watson remain in attendance. Carried. Resolution No. 212/21

Moved by Councillor Grimes; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:

Be it resolved that Council adjourn the “Closed Session” at 8:55 pm. Carried. Resolution No. 213/21

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 Gibson; Seconded by Councillor Hargrave:

Be it resolved that Council give first, second and third and final reading to By-law No. 48-2021; being a by-law to confirm the actions of Council at the September 21, 2021 Council meeting. Carried. Resolution No. 214/21

Moved by Councillor Hargrave; Seconded by Councillor Gibson:

Be it resolved that Council adjourn the Council meeting at 8:57 pm. Carried. Resolution No. 215/21

Reeve Doug Harding

Clerk Carol Watson