

## **Township of Howick Council Meeting Minutes October 5, 2021**

**Present:** Reeve Doug Harding  
Deputy Reeve Bowman  
Councillor Megan Gibson  
Councillor Marvin Grimes  
  
By-law Enforcement Officer Lisa MacDonald  
Operations Manager Brady Nolan  
Treasurer Brenda Weishar  
Clerk Carol Watson

### **1. Call to Order**

Reeve Harding called the meeting to order at 9 am, 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. 216/21**

### **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. Presentation/Delegation**

Howick Council and staff recognized Jim Renwick, Howick's long term Animal Control Officer and his wife Margie Renwick for his many years of service. Reeve Harding presented Jim with a certificate and Councillor Gibson presented Margie with a bouquet of flowers.

Willy Van Klooster, Executive Director Huron Hospice, Jay McFarlan, Board Chair and Bryan Vincent, a retired farm equipment dealer from Seaforth presented information on the Huron Hospice Capital Campaign. Christopher Walker was also in attendance. Council asked questions regarding the expansion to six beds from the current four and not being allowed to charge for services. Reeve Harding thanked the group for their presentation.

### **5. Approval of Minutes**

**Moved by Councillor Grimes; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:  
Be it resolved that Council approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 Council meeting as presented. Carried. Resolution No. 217/21**

### **6. Staff Reports**

#### **6.1 By-law Enforcement Officer Lisa MacDonald**

Officer MacDonald presented report to Council-By-law Enforcement-2021-01 providing an activity update from March to September 2021 and an explanation of open and closed cases.

Council discussed the situation accruing in Wroxeter and encouraged resident to continue to submit complaint forms.

Officer MacDonald advised that staff would address the issue of the mobile home being moved in. Council agreed that a letter to the OPP asking for more surveillance in Wroxeter would be helpful.

## **6.2 Operations Manager Brady Nolan**

Manager Nolan presented report to Council-Public Works-2021-42 sharing a letter of resignation received from Sandy MacEwen after 40 years of employment.

**Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Gibson:  
Be it resolved that Council accept the letter of resignation received from Public Works employee Sandy MacEwen, with regret. Carried. Resolution No. 218/21**

He also presented report to Council-Public Works-2021-43 recommending hiring staff at the Howick Community Centre.

**Moved by Councillor Grimes; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman;  
Be it resolved that Council approve the hiring of Dale Hunt as a Casual Seasonal Arena Operator at Step 5 on the 2021 Grid for the 2021/22 ice season at Howick Community Centre effective September 1, 2021; and further, approve the hiring of Brandon Kerr as a Casual Seasonal Arena Operator at Step 2 on the 2021 Grid for the 2021/22 ice season at Howick Community Centre effective October 4, 2021. Carried. Resolution No. 219/21**

He also presented report to Council-Public Works-2021-44 recommending waiving advertising fees at Howick Community Centre.

**Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Councillor Grimes;  
Be it resolved that Council authorize waiving of advertising fees on the arena boards, back wall and Olympia at the Howick Community Centre for the 2021/22 season. Carried. Resolution No. 220/21**

He also presented report to Council-Public Works-2021-45 advising that the Canadian Healthy Communities Initiative funding application for walking trails in Fordwich and Wroxeter had been denied.

## **6.3 Treasurer Brenda Weishar**

Treasurer Weishar presented report to Council-Treasurer-2021-16 updating on the Ontario Trillium Foundation application; Rural Economic Development Program application and the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 3.

**Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:  
Be it resolved that Council support an application to the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 3 for a day care needs study. Carried. Resolution No. 221/21**

**Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Grimes:  
Be it resolved that Council support an application to the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 3 for a recycling review (joint project with lower tiers). Carried. Resolution No. 222/21**

**Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:  
Be it resolved that Council support an application to the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 3 for a landfill review. Carried. Resolution No. 223/21**

**Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Grimes:  
Be it resolved that Council support an application to the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 3 for installing fiber optic along a portion of Harriston Road. Carried. Resolution No. 224/21**

## **7. Correspondence**

Avon Maitland District School Board meeting highlights dated September 28, 2021 were noted and filed.

Correspondence received from the Township of Scugog including their resolution regarding structure inventory and inspections was discussed.

**Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Grimes:  
Be it resolved that Council support the Township of Scugog's resolution encouraging the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to provide more funding to rural municipalities to support infrastructure projects related to major bridge and culvert replacement. Carried. Resolution No. 225/21**

Correspondence received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding expiry of temporary regulations limiting municipal authority to regulate construction noise was noted and filed.

## **8. Members Privilege – Good News and Celebrations**

Councillor Gibson commented that the ice is in at the Howick Community Centre.

Reeve Harding shared that the Howick Firefighters Association drive-thru breakfast this past weekend was good serving 450.

## **9. Adjournment**

**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. 49-2021; being a by-law to confirm the actions of Council at the October 5, 2021 Council meeting. Carried. Resolution No. 226/21**

**Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Councillor Grimes:  
Be it resolved that Council adjourn the Council meeting at 10:27 am. Carried. Resolution No. 227/21**

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Reeve Doug Harding

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Clerk Carol Watson