

Township of Howick Council Meeting Minutes February 16, 2021

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

Operations Manager Brady Nolan
Treasurer Brenda Weishar
Clerk Carol Watson

1. Call to Order

Reeve Harding called the meeting to order at 7 pm and 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 on lands located at 45123 Lakelet Road (Concession 15, Pt Lot 18 & Plan 282 Pt Lots 11 and 14).

3. 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. 45/21**

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 Councillor Illman; Seconded by Councillor Gibson:
Be it resolved that Council approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 Council meeting as presented. Carried. Resolution No. 46/21**

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Operations Manager Brady Nolan

Manager Nolan presented report to Council-Public Works-2021-07 suggesting projects for Municipal Modernization Funding received.

Treasurer Weishar provided clarification on the second intake of the Municipal Modernization Program and confirmed that \$131,000 was still available from funding received.

Council agreed to allocate \$131,000 for an addition to the north side of the shop and leave LED lighting at the Belmore Community Arena, condenser at the Howick Community Centre, weigh scale at the landfill and trenching in a conduit from municipal office to workshop for the second intake of funding.

Manager Nolan also suggested a risk assessment on the Belmore Community Arena facility.

Manager Nolan also presented report to Council-Public Works-2021-08 regarding keeping the ice in at the Howick Community Centre.

Manager Nolan also presented report to Council-Public Works-2021-09 seeking approval to attend the 2021 Ontario Good Road Association Conference.

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Councillor Illman:

Be it resolved that Council approve the attendance of Operations Manager Nolan at the 2021 Ontario Good Road Association Conference and pay all associated cost. Carried. Resolution No. 47/21

6.2 Treasurer Brenda Weishar

Treasurer Weishar presented report to Council-Treasurer-2021-03 including accounts payable; Municipal Modernization Program and office update.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Gibson:

Be it resolved that the accounts payable and/or paid from January 20 to February 16, 2021 in the amount of \$384,521.56 be approved. Carried. Resolution No. 48/21

6.3 Clerk Carol Watson

A report to Council-Clerk-2021-05 including a revised Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy was presented. Council directed staff to rewrite and bring back.

7. Committee and Board Reports

Minutes from the Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention meetings held December 9, 2020 and January 13, 2021 were received.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Illman:

Be it resolved that Council receive minutes from the Council Committee and Board included in the February 16, 2021 agenda. Carried. Resolution No. 49/21

8. Correspondence

Correspondence received from Huron County announcing 2021 Supporting Local Economic Development (SLED) funding opening was discussed. Council directed staff to submit a summary for a trail along the river in Fordwich and a roof on the pavillion at the river park.

Correspondence received from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation including the 2020 municipal partnership report was noted and filed.

Correspondence received from Maitland Valley Conservation Authority including Directors attendance at meetings and 2021 priorities and draft budget were noted and filed. Council directed Councillor Gibson to ask for clarification on the schedule of general levies for 2021 and ask about the open house regarding the Gorrie Dam project.

Correspondence received from Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario (DSAO) supporting changes to Tile Drain Loan Program was noted and filed.

Correspondence received from DSAO, Municipality of Mississippi Mills, Township of Emo supporting tile drainage contractors/installation plans being filed at municipal offices were noted and filed.

Correspondence received from Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs regarding small businesses was noted and filed.

9. Members Privilege – Good News and Celebrations

Reeve Harding announced that Howick Township was in the orange zone and the Howick Community Centre was renting ice.

10. By-laws

Councillor Gibson advised that the daycare committee would be called Howick Family Betterment Committee.

Moved by Councillor Illman; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:

Be it resolved that Council give first, second and third and final reading to By-law No. 14-2021; being a by-law to appoint officials, members of committees and boards and other such persons as required. Carried. Resolution No. 50/21

Moved by Councillor Illman; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:

Be it resolved that Council give first, second and third and final reading to By-law No. 15-2021; being a by-law to amend zoning at 45123 Lakelet Road to allow for the construction of a house and septic system and to recognize existing agricultural and natural environment features on the property as condition of severance application C92/2020. Carried. Resolution No. 51/21

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. 16-2021; being a by-law to confirm the actions of Council at the February 16, 2021 Council meeting. Carried. Resolution No. 52/21

Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Illman:

Be it resolved that Council adjourn the Council meeting at 8:36 pm. Carried. Resolution No. 53/21

Reeve Doug Harding

Clerk Carol Watson