

Township of Howick Council Meeting Minutes March 16, 2021

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

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 and 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. 65/21**

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. Delegation

Norm Wilson, Chair of the Fordwich Cemetery Board attended to speak about making columbarium plaques more personal and more saleable to prospective buyers.

Laurie Myers, Secretary of Fordwich Cemetery Board advised that Fordwich Cemetery had not yet sold any niches.

Council discussed the current contract with Nelson Granite.

Reeve Harding questioned who should pay the penalty to cancel the contract with Nelson Granite; asked for a copy of Mr. Wilson's presentation and suggested that all Cemetery Board members have a meeting to discuss this issue further.

5. Approval of Minutes

**Moved by Councillor Illman; Seconded by Councillor Gibson:
Be it resolved that Council approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 Council meeting as presented. Carried. Resolution No. 66/21**

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Drainage Superintendent Wray Wilson

Superintendent Wilson presented report to Council-Drainage-2021-04 providing information on the Noah Martin Municipal Drain Court of Revision and recommending approval of a tile drain loan application received from H & S Holsteins Ltd.

**Moved by Councillor Hargrave; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:
Be it resolved that Council approve a tile drain loan in the amount of \$38,800 on land located at Concession 14, Lot 5 (Hofman) as recommended by Drainage Superintendent subject to receiving funding from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. Carried. Resolution No. 67/21**

6.2 Operations Manager Brady Nolan

Manager Nolan presented report to Council-Public Works-2021-11 recommending that the ice remain in until April 30, 2021 at the Howick Community Centre. Council questioned running programs during the April school break. Council agreed to leave the ice in until the end of April.

He also presented report to Council-Public Works-2021-12 providing information on his attendance at the Ontario Good Roads Association 2021 virtual conference.

6.3 Treasurer Brenda Weishar

Treasurer Weishar presented report to Council-Treasurer-2021-06 including the accounts payable listing; correspondence received from Minister of Finance regarding 2021 COVID-19 Recovery Funding and Howick's 2021 final budget.

**Moved by Councillor Hargrave; Seconded by Councillor Gibson:
Be it resolved that the accounts payable and/or paid from February 17 to March 16, 2021 in the amount of \$1,015,453.09 be approved. Carried. Resolution No. 68/21**

7. Committee and Board Reports

Minutes from the Wroxeter Village Management Board meeting held February 28, 2021 was 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 March 16, 2021 agenda. Carried. Resolution No. 69/21**

8. Correspondence

Correspondence received from the City of Stratford in response to dispatch services was noted and filed.

Correspondence received from the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio supporting tile drainage contractors/installation plans was noted and filed.

9. Members Privilege – Good News and Celebrations

Reeve Harding advised of a phone call he had received from Cameron Green VP Customer Acquisition, Wightman stating that fibre would be installed in Fordwich, Gorrie and Wroxeter and inquired what municipal project could his company put money into.

Councillor Gibson advised that Howick Family Betterment Committee would make a presentation at the April 20, 2021 Council meeting.

10. Motion and By-law

Reeve Harding advised that CBO Kopp and Fire Chief Edwards agreed to cover the next two months until Lisa's return.

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:

Be it resolved that Council accept letter of resignation received from By-law Enforcement Officer Nicole Mullin effective March 23, 2021, with regret. Carried. Resolution No. 70/21

Moved by Councillor Illman; Seconded by Councillor Gibson:

Be it resolved that Council give first, second and third and final reading to By-law No. 18-2021; being a by-law to adopt the estimates for the sums required during the year 2021 for municipal purposes and to establish rates of taxation to be levied during the year 2021 and to provide for penalty and interest charges. Carried. Resolution No. 71/21

11. Adjournment

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. 19-2021; being a by-law to confirm the actions of Council at the March 16, 2021 Council meeting. Carried. Resolution No. 72/21

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Councillor Hargrave:

Be it resolved that Council adjourn the Council meeting at 8:17 pm. Carried. Resolution No. 73/21

Reeve Doug Harding

Clerk Carol Watson