

Township of Howick Council Meeting Minutes June 1, 2021

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

Chief Building Official David Kopp
Fire Chief Shawn Edwards
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 and stated we were into month 16 of COVID-19.

2. Acceptance of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Councillor Illman:

Be it resolved that Council approve the agenda as presented. Carried. Resolution No. 132/21

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 Gibson:

Be it resolved that Council approve the minutes of the May 18, 2021 Council meeting as presented. Carried. Resolution No. 133/21

5. Staff Reports

5.1 Chief Building Official David Kopp

CBO Kopp presented report to Council-Building-2021-02 providing a building permit comparison summary for the first five months in 2021 compared to same period in 2020.

5.2 Fire Chief Shawn Edwards

Chief Edwards presented report to Council-Fire-2021-06 updating on calls for service; operations; budget; training; personnel; health and safety and emergency management.

5.3 Operations Manager Brady Nolan

Manager Nolan presented report to Council-Public Works-2021-26 providing public works department and recreation updates.

He also presented report to Council-Public Works-2021-27 recommending a pool staff hire.

**Moved by Councillor Illman; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:
Be it resolved that Council approve the hiring of Berlyn Garniss as Lifeguard in Training at Step 1 on the 2021 wage grid for seasonal part time contingent on the Howick Optimist Pool being able to open for the 2021 season due to COVID-19. Carried. Resolution No. 134/21**

He also presented report to Council-Public Works-2021-28 suggesting alternative capital project for 2021. Council directed staff to bring back further information on the reconstruction of a section of Gough Road.

5.4 Treasurer Brenda Weishar

Treasurer Weishar presented report to Council-Treasurer-2021-10 updating on tax arrears and seeking approval to close the municipal office on the Canada Day weekend.

**Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Illman:
Be it resolved that Council approve closing the municipal office on Friday, July 2, 2021. Carried. Resolution No. 135/21**

5.5 Clerk Carol Watson

A report to Council-Clerk-2021-14 advising of the composition of the proposed Huron County OPP Detachment Board was presented.

A report to Council-Clerk-2021-15 updating on Howick's vacant Animal Control Officer position was presented. Council directed staff to continue with the working group.

6. Committee and Board Reports

Minutes from the Belmore Community Arena Board meetings held March 15 and April 19, 2021 were received.

Minutes from the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority meetings held March 17 and April 21, 2021 were received.

Drinking Water Source Protection Municipal Newsletter May 2021 was received.

Minutes from the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority meeting held April 15, 2021 were received.

**Moved by Councillor Illman; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:
Be it resolved that Council receive minutes from the Council Committee and Board included in the June 1, 2021 agenda. Carried. Resolution No. 136/21**

7. Councillor Report

Reeve Harding provided an update on vandalism at the pavillion at the Wroxeter ball diamond which included damages to the roof and a window and damage caused by dumped oil and a spent fire extinguisher.

In speaking with Brianna Sykes, Paralegal with Monteith, Ritsma, Phillips Professional Corporation, she advised of the Parental Responsibility Act and suggested sending a demand letter to the parents of the children seeking compensation for damages

Huron OPP gave the six youth ages 13 to 15 the opportunity to have a Mischief charge diverted if they successfully complete a Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA) program.

Councillor Gibson updated on a meeting held May 25, 2021 with Wroxeter Village Management and Park Board members regarding the damages and their thoughts ideas of what should happened at the park.

Operations Manager Nolan and CBO Kopp joined the meeting and was asked their opinion of the condition of the building. CBO Kopp advised he can condemn a building.

Council did not support tearing down the pavillion. Councillor Gibson spoke on behalf of the Park Board as to why they felt repairing the pavilion would not be a wise decision.

Reeve Harding advised that Council needs reports (minutes) from meetings so that they know what is going.

Reeve Harding further explained the diversion program and shared that Howick Township has no further involvement in this issue and would not receive any follow up information.

8. Correspondence

Avon Maitland District School Board meeting highlights dated May 25, 2021 were noted and filed.

Notice of adoption of an Official Plan Amendment received from Huron County was noted and filed.

Correspondence received from Gravel Watch Ontario regarding expansion of the Green Belt was noted and filed.

9. Members Privilege – Good News and Celebrations

Nothing was mentioned at this time.

10. Motion

Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Deputy Reeve Bowman:

Be it resolved that Council appoint Peter Baranoski as a member of the Wroxeter Village Management effective June 1, 2021. Carried. Resolution No. 137/21

11. Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Illman:

Be it resolved that Council give first, second and third and final reading to By-law No. 33-2021; being a by-law to confirm the actions of Council at the June 1, 2021 Council meeting. Carried. Resolution No. 138/21

Moved by Councillor Hargrave; Seconded by Councillor Illman:

Be it resolved that Council adjourn the Council meeting at 10:53 am. Carried. Resolution No. 139/21

Reeve Doug Harding

Clerk Carol Watson