

## **Township of Howick Special Council Meeting Minutes April 1, 2021**

**Present:** Reeve Doug Harding  
Deputy Reeve Eldon Bowman  
Councillor Doug Hargrave  
Councillor Megan Gibson  
Councillor Bob Illman  
  
Chief Building Official David Kopp  
Treasurer Brenda Weishar  
Operations Manager Brady Nolan  
Clerk Carol Watson

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

Reeve Harding called the meeting to order at 10 am and welcomed everyone in attendance and those who joined by telephone.

### **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. 74/21**

### **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. Huron County Planners Jenn Burns & Denise Van Amersfoort**

Planners Jenn Burns and Denise Van Amersfoort presented staff report “Through a Housing-Friendly Lens: a Review of Development Policy in Huron County which covered content; consultation process and communications plan along with a power point entitled “Planning for Housing: Howick Council Workshop”.

Planner Van Amersfoort reviewed Huron County’s approach to the housing crisis. Council roundtable discussion “what are you seeing and hearing in regard to housing needs?”

Housing currently permitted for agriculture was reviewed as well as proposed housing. Settlement areas; housing with partial or private servicing; local Official Plan and Zoning framework were also reviewed. A water quality and septic system impact study completed in 1995 for Fordwich, Gorrie and Wroxeter was referenced.

Planner Van Amersfoort provided a 2020 Provincial Policy Statement update; reviewed existing higher density uses and downtown housing and explained the planning approval process.

Planner Van Amersfoort asked about single point of access – thoughts on permit second permanent dwelling on AG1 parcels (50 acres or greater in size) within set distance of building cluster as opposed to main dwelling and thoughts on the opportunity to stimulate reinvestment in downtown heritage buildings.

## 5. Motion

**Moved by Councillor Gibson; Seconded by Councillor Hargrave:**

**Be it resolved that Council direct Planning staff to prepare an Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment to implement the Housing Friendly Review as per the options identified by Council, and further, that Planning staff provide the detailed amendment to Council prior to circulation. Carried. Resolution No. 75/21**

Reeve Harding thanked the Planning Department for their presentation.

## 6. Adjournment

**Moved by Deputy Reeve Bowman; Seconded by Councillor Illman:**

**Be it resolved that Council adjourn the Council meeting at 12:14 pm. Carried. Resolution No. 76/21**

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Reeve Doug Harding

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Clerk Carol Watson