

## Township of Howick Special Council Meeting Minutes February 23, 2021

**Present:** Reeve Doug Harding  
Deputy Reeve Eldon Bowman  
Councillor Doug Hargrave  
Councillor Megan Gibson  
Councillor Bob Illman  
  
Chief Building Official David Kopp  
Drainage Superintendent Wray Wilson  
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 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. 54-21**

### 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

No one declared a pecuniary interest in relation to any item on the agenda at this time.

### 4. Treasurer Brenda Weishar

Treasurer Weishar presented draft # 1 of the 2021 budget including a review, capital projects, current budget, residential comparison, farmland comparison and reserve recap.

She provided an overview on Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund reduction, assessment increase, summer student funding applications, policing cost, Maitland and Saugeen Valley Conservation Authorities budget increases.

Treasurer Weishar reviewed the Administration capital budget.

CBO Kopp reviewed the Building capital budget.

Chief Edwards reviewed the Fire capital budget.

Manager Nolan reviewed the Transportation, Road Projects, Recreation, Landfill, Pool and Parks capital budgets.

Superintendent Wilson reviewed the Drains – Road Crossings capital budget.

Treasurer Weishar presented total unaudited reserves.

CBO Kopp presented proposed revenues and expenditures for Building and By-law Services.

Chief Edwards presented proposed revenues and expenditures for Protection to Persons and Property.

Treasurer Weishar reviewed the internal/external transfers and Council donations and encouraged further discussion on disbursing of COVID-19 Safe Restart funding received.

She also presented proposed revenues and expenditures for the General Government and Administration Departments.

Manager Nolan presented proposed revenues and expenditures for Transportation Services, Waste Disposal and Recycling, Parks and Recreation.

Treasurer Weishar presented expenditures for Cemeteries and Library Services.

Clerk Watson presented expenditures for Planning and Development.

Superintendent Wilson presented proposed revenues and expenditures for Municipal Drains.

The loan for the library was discussed. Treasurer Weishar will look into the benefits of paying it off and bring back a report to Council.

Treasurer Weishar suggested combining some of the reserves, i.e. Fire Safety, Fire Donation and Fire Equipment, questioned the HCC Special Reserve and Economic Development Reserves. Treasurer Weishar will consult with Department Heads regarding lowering the number of reserves.

Council discussed the increase of 1.13382% and directed staff to bring back to the next meeting for approval.

Council thanked the Treasurer for all her work.

Councillor Gibson asked a question regarding funding if/when the Howick Betterment Committee need it.

Treasurer Weishar advised that the education rate had already been set for this year.

## **5. Adjournment**

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

**Be it resolved that Council adjourn the Council meeting at 11:05 am. Carried.**

**Resolution No. 55/21**

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Reeve Doug Harding

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Clerk Carol Watson