



Greeting from the Reeve

2017 was another year of change for Howick, resignations and retirements have resulted in some staff downsizing, but also lead to the introduction of new staff - Kent Brown, our Facilities Manager and Brady Nolan our new Public Works Coordinator. We welcome their new ideas and wish them much success here at Howick!

Howick Township Council makes decisions that affect all residents of Howick. The issues that Council deals with are widely varied, from garbage collection, to fire protection, to ongoing maintenance decisions for our infrastructure, to the replacement of capital assets like bridges and culverts, and this year, 2018, is a municipal election year!

Consider running for Council. The community benefits when we have a strong Council with diverse viewpoints and experiences. The details regarding nomination are available from the office and I would be very happy to speak with anyone who is considering serving our community in this way.

I wish everyone a safe, happy and productive 2018!

Sincerely,

Art Versteeg



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Howick Township General Information

Council Meetings are held at the municipal office at 7 pm on the first and third Tuesday each month or at the call of the Chair. Meetings are open to the public and upcoming dates are as follows:

March 6 & 20, 2018

April 17, 2018

May 1 & 15, 2018

June 13 & 27, 2018

Summer Meetings - July 17, 2018 and August 21, 2018

Howick Township Staff Directory

Clerk 519-335-3208 Ext 101
 Carol Watson clerk@howick.ca

Treasurer 519-335-3208 Ext 102
 Jean Hughes treasurer@howick.ca

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 Shawn Edwards howickfire@howick.ca

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 Kent Brown recreation@howick.ca

Public Works Coordinator 519-335-3208 Ext 104
 Brady Nolan publicworks@howick.ca

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 Brenda Weishar accounts@howick.ca

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 Lisa Gibson bylaw@howick.ca

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 Wray Wilson drainage@howick.ca

Canine Control Officer
 Jim Renwick 519-327-4681

Building Department Enquiries 519-335-3208

Howick Township Facilities

Howick Community Centre 519-335-3883
Howick Library 519-335-6899
Landfill Site 519-335-3328
Howick Fire Station 519-335-3202

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In case of an Emergency, please dial 9-1-1



Spring/Summer 2018

Council Members

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Public Works Department

Telephone 519-335-3838
 Email publicworks@howick.ca

Howick Recreation Department

Telephone 519-335-3883
 Email recreation@howick.ca

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Canine Control – dog tags assist with the recovery of lost dogs as they provide an identification number kept on file at the municipal office. The tags mailed out in February 2017 are permanent tags. Going forward we will only be sending out invoices for your annual tag fees. If your dog's tag gets lost please contact the office to get a replacement and to advise of any changes. Current fees are \$30 for the first dog, \$50 for the second and \$100 for the third.

By-law No. 32-2016 does not permit more than three dogs per household and requires that all owners purchase a tag within ten days of taking possession of the dog. It also requires owners do not allow their dogs to run at large and that owners take reasonable precautions to prevent their dog(s) from biting or attacking a person or domestic animal in a manner that poses a menace to the safety of others. **Failure to obtain an annual dog license could result in a fine of \$100.**



Garbage/Recycling – please be sure to have your waste/recycling out by 7am on your scheduled collection day. Garbage must be in clear bags and a bag tag must be clearly visible. Tags can be purchased for \$2.50 each at the municipal office, the landfill site, Bare Necessities (Fordwich), Watson's Hardware and D&M Auto (Gorrie) and Abraham Hoover's Harness Shop (44304 Glenannon Road). Waste receptacles should be placed in a way as not to hinder road maintenance and mail delivery.



Hazardous Waste – can be taken year round to the Mid-Huron Landfill site at 37506A Huron Road (Hwy 8) in Holmesville. For more information contact the County at 519-524-8394 ext. 3504 or email waste@huroncounty.ca.

Public Works – we're down to the last few weeks of winter and while spring is very welcome it presents us with its own challenges. The spring break up is temporary and frustrating...for everyone. Please drive according to the conditions.



Alarmed for Life - The Howick Township Fire Department is excited to officially announce the launch of an Alarmed for Life program for Howick Township. During the months of May, June,

September and October Howick firefighters will be going door to door in Howick. Offering free home smoke alarm inspections, which involves inspecting, testing, replacing and/or providing smoke alarms to ensure home owners are compliant with the smoke alarm laws under the Ontario Fire Code. The firefighters will also have information on fire safety and home escape planning materials.



Please keep an eye out for our monthly column in What's Happening in Howick, check www.howick.ca or follow us on twitter @HowickFire for details #Alarmed4Life. If you have questions about the program or are interested in becoming a sponsor, please call 519-335-3202 or email howickfire@howick.ca.



March Break at Howick Community Centre



Recreation – Come on in for some awesome daily programs during March Break. Free Public Skating Monday to Friday from 1pm to 2:30pm or if hockey is your thing, try out youth shinny from 2:30 to 3:30pm - \$5 per player – volunteer adult supervisors play for free. Then, get ready for summer! Howick Pool swimming lesson registration will be coming up the first week of May....stay tuned! And as always for more information or for pool, arena, auditorium and room rentals please send an email to recreation@howick.ca or call 519-335-3883.

Interim Property Taxes – will be payable in two installments – March 23 and May 18, 2018 and are based on 50% of what was billed the previous year. The final billing will be processed and mailed in August 2018 and this bill will be based on the 2018 MPAC Assessment information sent to property owners in late fall 2017 multiplied by the new 2018 tax rates once they are set. Payments are accepted in the form of cash, cheque, debit, PAP and online through your banking institution. To set up for online payments, search for "Howick – Township of" as the vendor and use your full 19 digit roll number as your account number. Be sure to leave sufficient time for your payment to reach the township – it often can take up to three business days for electronic payments to come through. **Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer from the responsibility to pay the taxes nor does it negate any penalty charges.**

Property Assessment – the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) provides assessments for all properties in Ontario. If you disagree with MPAC's assessment or classification of your property, you can contact MPAC directly to file a Request for Reconsideration (RfR). Visit mpac.ca or call 1-866-296-MPAC (6722) for more information.

Municipal Election 2018 - are you considering running for Council? The next municipal election will be held on October 22, 2018. The next term of Council begins on December 1, 2018 and concludes in 2022. The Nomination period opens on May 1, 2018 and closes on Nomination Day, July 27, 2018. To run for office, you must be an eligible elector in the Township of Howick. This means that you must be:

- A Canadian Citizen;
- At least 18 years of age;
- Reside in the Township, or be the owner or tenant of land in the Township, or the spouse of such owner or tenant; and
- Not prohibited from voting under any law.

